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During the 1997-98 school year, students at MTSU were truly in the middle of everything. The university was quiet and structured with the first day of classes. However, the sights and sounds of construction soon took over. Students discovered new routes to classes through dirt pathways and mysterious tunnels. With adaptations made to schedules and parking routines, students soon adapted to being in the middle of the school's transition for the future.

Campus construction is at a busy peak this semester with an assortment of new projects underway, including: a new library, expansion of the football stadim, completion of the Business and Aerospace building; a new track and soccer field; a baseball fieldhouse; a new generating plant, and a new green house.

Left: A crane hovers over the foundation of the new central library. Once completed the library will provide students with more areas to study, research and read.

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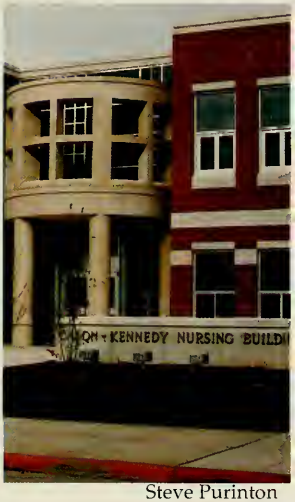
Left: The Bragg Mass Communication building once was the most technological building on campus. However, the new Aerospace Building will earn the titile with its new student computer lab.



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Above: The Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building is one of the newest buidlings on campus. However, it will soon be towered by the new Businnes and Aerospace Building.

Left: Kirksey Old Main is one of the few buildings on campus that will not be affected by construction. However, as one of the oldest buildings on campus, the KOM sinks into the earth with each new academic year.

In the Middle of it all

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Above: A student crams for mid-terms on the steps of the James Union Building. Once the center of campus of activity, the JUB has been replaced by newer buildings as hubs for student activity.

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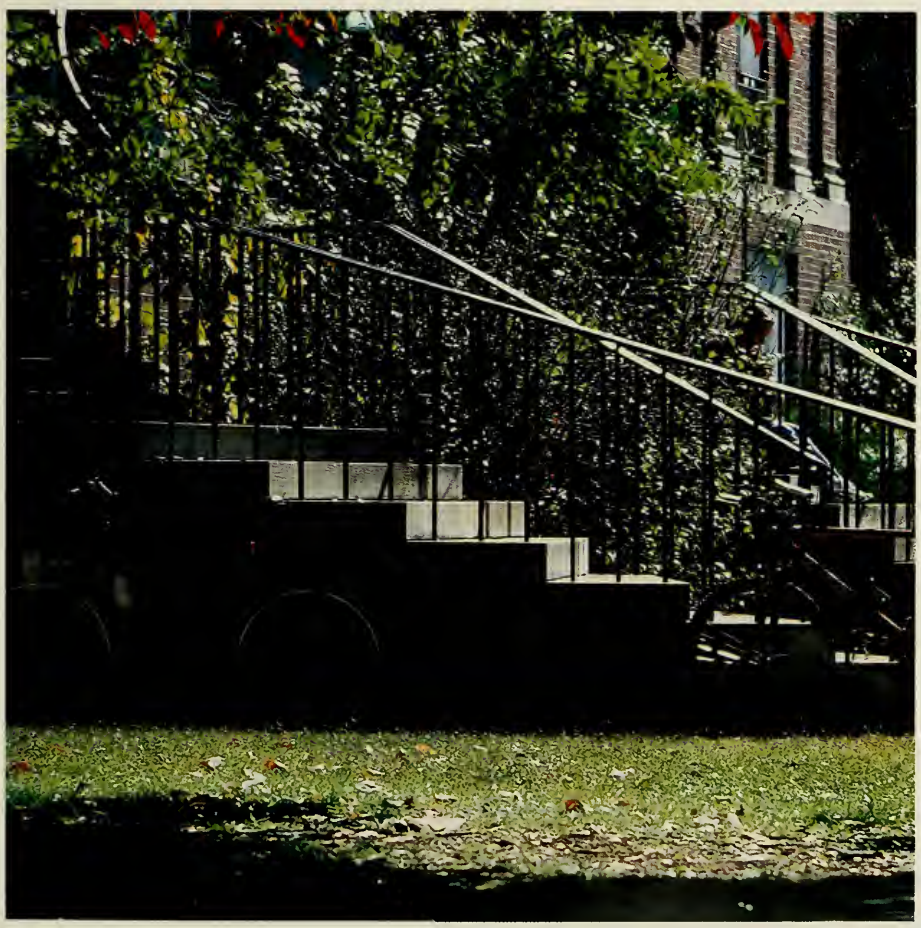
Left: Soon the steps of the library will no longer be crowded. Completion of a new university library will leave this building empty.

A Murfreesboro sunset.



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Left: MTSU still uses the space in older buildings. The Davis Science building houses classes and lab rooms for Biology, Chemistry and Physical Science students.

Above: Spring is in bloom at the Nursing Building.

Student Life

Steve Purinton

Above: MTSU students seek adventure during the college experience in many forms. Above a picturesque view while hiking in the Middle Tennessee area.

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Right: Some of the non-traditional students spend their free time with their children. One popular location is Kids Castle, a wooden fort play area located near the Stones River.

In the Middle of our lives

Angela K. Skala

Left: For many students, MTSU housing provides a home away from home. It is in these narrow hallways that friendships and relationships begin and end. However, some students are waiting until the day in which they can afford to move into an apartment.

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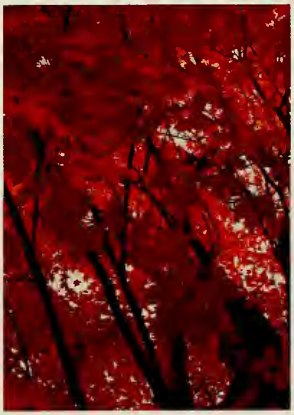

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Homecoming 1997

MTSU vs Jacksonville

The Blue Raiders went in to the Homecoming game with the hope of a victory in the midst, and wanting to carry on the tradition of wins on Homecoming Day. The Raiders offense displayed their speed and agility with the Blue Raiders defense showed its true colors with powerful blocking and stamina, a tough combination for the Jacksonville Gamecocks. The Blue Raiders came out of the game with a 27-16 win, the first for the season.

The Raiders were able to keep the lead throughout the game with the help Senior Lebrian McGill who rushed for 111 yards and a touchdown and Sophomore Kelverick Green who rushed for 103 yards and had a touchdown. Senior Jonathan Quinn did more than his share as well. The veteran quarterback passed for 213 yards and had two touchdowns, one as a pass to Junior Gary Davis.

Freshamn Kenrick Whitehead, Junior Cedric Steagall, and Sophomore Kyle Gay contributed to the three fumbles by the Gamecocks, and Gay also had his first sack of the year making this win a memorable one.

Celeste Castillo

Above: Freshman Martez Phelps goes into kill mode as they come face to face with a Gamecock runningback.

Left: Sophomore Kelverick Green sees an opening in the Gamecock defensive line and seizes his chance for a touchdown.

Celeste Castillo

Above: Senior Quarterback Jonathan Quinn runs with all his might to make the first down against an opposing Gamecock defender.

Celeste Castillo

Above: Junior Sulecio Sanford fights his way out out of a tough tackle situation.

Celeste Castillo

Above: Sophomore Kelverick Green weaves his way through an on rush of Gamecock defenders.

The Miss Black and Gold Pageant

A Tribute of Womanhood

Lesli Bales

Tyjuana S. Phillips, a senior wellness and fitness major, is the reigning Miss Black and Gold.

Phillips, of Nashville, was sponsored by Shawn Moses and Shear Soul.

She won the scholarship from a field of seven women who competed for the annual title held at the Tucker Theatre.

Sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., the pageant is open to anyone on campus. Although Alpha Phi Alpha is a traditionally African-American fraternity and the contest usually attracts African-American participants, there have been contestants and winners of other races and ethnic backgrounds. The only guidelines mandated by the national body of the fraternity is that contestants must be "single and without child."

"The pageant was originally a tribute to womanhood," said Alpha Phi Alpha graduate chapter member Antonio Adams. "What started out as the fraternity's contributions to the feminist movement has expanded to celebrate both the outer and inner beauty and the talents of young ladies."

The women compete in categories such as casual wear, evening wear and swimwear. Talent competition counts the most at a heavy 30 percent. There are question-and-answer sessions, and GPA is factored into contestants' scores.

Five local judges evaluate the women based on communication skills, articulation, poise, beauty and appearance.

The winner receives a $400 scholarship while first and second runners-up receive $200 and $100 scholarships respectively.

Miss Black and Gold compete in a state competition with Miss Black and Gold winners from other Tennessee campuses. The national winner receives a scholarship to pay for the rest of her higher education, graduate school included.

Above: 1997 Miss Black and Gold, Tyjuana S. Phillips.

Above: The 1996 Miss Black and Gold takes her final walk down the run way.

A Miss Black and Gold competitor performs her tallent for the audience. The talent portion of the competion counted 30% of the contestants final score.

"Broadway" Homecoming 1997

Once a year, students show school spirit by celebrating Homecoming Week. This is a time for the students of MTSU to let loose and have fun. The week is packed with parties, spirit events, and a parade.

This years' "Broadway" theme was a great success. It brought out the true colors of the Middle Tennessee students. Casino Night was Monday night where everyone had the chance to "gamble" their money away. The Chili Cook off and food drive took place on Tuesday night and the cans collected were given to a local charity. Wednesday night hosted the Carnival.Thursday was more traditional with the annual Fight Song competition and Pep Rally. Finally on Saturday, the Blue Raider football team played the Jacksonville Gamecocks. It was an exciting game with the final score ending at 27-16, for the Raiders. "The Homecoming events were a lot of fun and envolved everyone" said freshman Melinda Erwin.

The student body elected Saran Dunmore as this years Homecoming Queen.

Celeste Castillo

Above: Ole Blue is dressed up in his best fighting clothes for the game against Jacksonville.

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Left: Homecoming Queen Saran Dunmore with the 1996 Homecoming Queen.

Celeste Castillo

Above: Ole Blue asks the Blue Raiders to "feed" him with a win against Jacksonville.

1997 Homecoming Events

September 29: Casino Night
September 30: Chilli Cook Off and Step Show
October 1: Fight Song and Bon Fire
October 4: Parade at the Square and the football game: Jacksonville vs MTSU!

Celeste Castillo

Above: Just a couple of clowns clowning around.

Lightning Strikes MTSU

Jamie Evans

In an event that received unprecedented advanced coverage, the new athletic logo and mascot were revealed during halftime of the men's basketball game against Tennessee State University. And if attendance — which broke all previous records — means anything, the anticipation about the event was extremely high.

But that anticipation had been built with an effective public relations campaign to introduce the university's first-ever athletic logo and mascot. Basketball coach Randy Wiel was in a commercial which aired on ESPN, billboards were posted all over the mid-state area and posters went up all over campus announcing the event.

Lightning, a blue Pegasus-like horse, emerged from the fog of a laser light show and a thunderous introductory video touting his mythic powers, bringing the audience to its feet. Lightning had conquered his territory and claimed his school.

But after the dust from the hoopla settled, there was mixed reaction to the demise of Ole Blue and the emergence of Ligtning.

"The new mascot is agreeable, but it's not what I would have picked," said Jason Reid, Student Government Association Speaker of the House. Reid also sat on the committee for the new mascot and logo.

Reid said he likes the new logo, but it is going to take a while to get used to not having Ole Blue around.

Above: Mr. Charles Sarver, the man who named Old Blue.

Left: The new MTSU mascot.

"I think the new mascot looks like Ole Blue with a lightning bolt up his ass," said Scott Davis, a senior criminal justice major. "The presentation and the light show were great, but it was ruined when that thing came out."

Even though Ole Blue was out, the Blue Raider name is to stay because it carries some sentimental value with the university and the community.

"There was almost universal agreement that we should retain the name Blue Raiders," said Lee Fowler, athletic director, "because there is a great deal of history and tradition associated with it."

The Blue Raider name was chosen in a contest "The Daily News Journal" held in 1933 to give the university a nickname. More than 200 entries were submitted, but a guard on the school football team named Charles Sarver won the contest with the name Blue Raiders. He got the idea for the name from Colgate University's Red Raiders.

"I didn't have any connection with Colgate University, but the Red Raiders of the east were pretty outstanding back then," Sarver said. "Now whether I thought a name would make us a winner or not, I don't know."

Fowler said it is hoped that the new logo and mascot will help create some excitement with fans and students and give the university something to market and make money from.

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The Rush to be Greek

Byran Brooks

Rush: the time of year when Greek organizations add new members to their ranks.

It's a time of excitement and expectations, high hopes and let downs.

Victor Felts, director of Greek Life, describes Rush as a mutual selection process."

"While the students choose which fraternity or sorority they want to join, the organizations choose which members they want," Felts said.

Prospective members are extended bids by fraternities or sororities on the last day of Rush. After this, the students become pledges, during which time they may have to learn the history of the organization or do community service.

Sorority Rush was a success, according to Felts, explaining the sororities added about 230 new members. The number of new members has increased for the past two years, and it evened out this year.

Fraternity Rush was at the same level it has been for the last two years, even with increased GPA requirements. The requirement was raised from 2.0 to 2.3 last year.

"The trend nationally is for membership numbers to be declining," Felts said, while at MTSU the have grown or remained even.

Alex Miller, president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said fraternity Rush was a success as well. Miller said his fraternity added about 55 new members to its ranks. Miller also mentioned that freshmen rushing now will be the leaders of the fraternities when the new Greek Row is finished on campus in the summer of 1999.

Felts approximated the number of fraternity members at 700 men, and the number of sorority members at 500 women. There are 18 fraternities and nine sororities on campus. Four of these fraternities and three of these sororities are African-American Greek organizations.

One role of Greek organizations is community service, according to Felts. Greek organizations performed over 20,000 hours of community service on campus and in the community last year. They also raise several thousands of dollars for philanthropies, according to Felts.

Dana Park, president of Alpha Omicron Pi, said the philanthropy of choice for her sorority is arthritis research, although they have also raised money to fight Muscular Dystrophy and Multiple Sclerosis in the past year. They raised $2,000 for a sister with leukemia with the help of a fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon..

The Zeta Phi Beta sorority participates in a national service project called The Stork's Nest. The program raises money for and donates items to single mothers. Melissa Bosi, president of Pi Chi, said her sorority had raised money for various philanthropies, including the Make A Wish Foundation and the Battered Women's Shelter of Rutherford County. Other Greek organizations raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House to combat breast cancer and others.

Another role of Greek organizations is to present leadership opportunities and a chance to gain experience in organizing events, according to Felts.

Greek organizations are also involved in homecoming. Each group makes a float for the homecoming parade and participates in a chili cook-off, the fight song competition or the step show competition. Members of fraternities and sororities are in almost every student organization from the SGA and sports teams to religious organizations.

When asked his motives for participating in Rush, Alan Gay, a freshman engineering major from Hendersonville said, "to meet lots of people, make new friends, and go to lots of parties and meet girls."

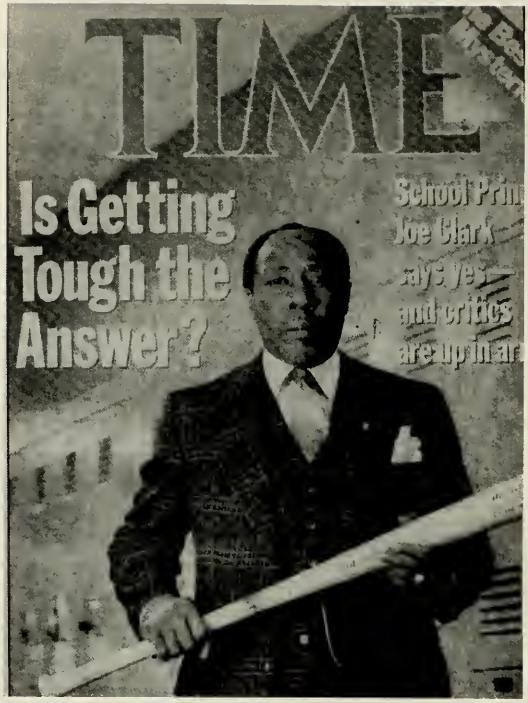
Haley Bass, a sophomore sales and marketing major from Pulaski, said she became a pledge with Alpha Delta Pi so she could get involved on campus and meet new people.

Angela Hollis pledged with Alpha Omicron Pi.

"It's the fastest, easiest way to meet people," the advertising major from Hendersonville said. She explained she had met guys and girls while participating in rush.

Above: A member of Alpha Omicron Pi takes a pie in the face for the arthritis Foundation

Left: Members of Kappa Sigma prepare for a game of soccer.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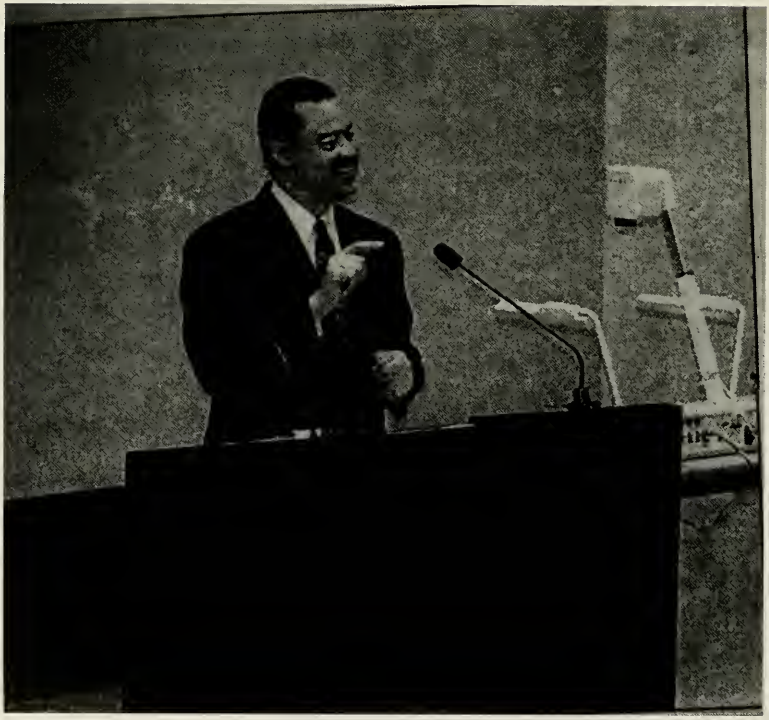

Paths to Empowerment

MTSU Celebrates African-American History Month

Former high school principal Joe Clark, who inspired the move "Lean on Me," and an exhibit of "African-American Musicians" featured on U.S. postal stamps headlines this year's African-American History Month activities.

"I found out early on that in order to be a successful entity in leadership you have got to be in the fray. The credit goes to those who are in the arena, whose brows and faces are marred with sweat and who fight gallantly," Clark told a full house at Tucker Theatre.

During his talk, Clark condemned political correctness and spoke positively about race relations and personal relationships.

A former Army drill sergeant, Clark gained national media attention for his stern approach to reshaping one of the most crime-ridden schools in the United States.

He often walked the halls with a bullhorn in one hand and a Louisville Slugger in the other. Clark would chain shut to prevent drug pushers from entering, and it was not uncommon for him to require tardy students to clean the latrines.

Once Clark threw out 300 students in a single day for fighting, vandalism, drug possession, profanity and abusing teachers.

"Individuals have to see that not only do you say certain things, but that you live through an impeccable, sterling example of pertinacity, persistence and dedication to a worthy cause," Clark said.

The musicians stamp exhibit was displayed in several buildings throughout the month. The committee charged with scheduling programs for the monthlong celebration of African-American heritage scheduled a variety of speakers and events to highlight the many areas of culture overlooked or taken for granted.

A free concert featuring jazz saxophonist Kirk Whalum, guitarist Jeff Golub and keyboard player Philippe Saisse was also held in Tucker Theatre. The annual Unity luncheon honoring African-Americans who have made a difference in Middle Tennessee was held in the James Union Building Tennessee Room.

Social Work professor Robert Rucker spoke about playwright Lorraine Hansberry in a speech for the Honors Lecture Series entitle "Cupcakes, Cornbread and Civil Rights."

Hansberry was widely known for her play "A Raisin in the Sun," the story of an African-American family that tried to buy a house in an historically white neighborhood and the problems they encountered.

According to Rucker, the play shows a different side of African-Americans.

"It was the first major play on Broadway which looked at an African-American family. The characters were represented with depth. They went beyond racial, ethnic and regional stereotypes," Rucker said.

Renowned author Marita Golden also visited campus and focused on "Paths to Empowerment," as well as comedians Walli Collins and Leighann Lord.

21 years and counting

June Anderson Women's Center celebrates years of dedication to MTSU Students

By Susan McMahan

When June Sutton Anderson arrived at MTSU in 1958, few realized the impact the professor would have on the university.

And they certainly didn't realize that she would eventually become the namesake for the Women's Center and that she would help establish an influential group called Concerend Faculty and Administrative Women (CFAW).

But Anderson was recognized as different from the start.

It was some 21 years ago when concerned faculty women got together with used furniture, handmade cabinets, homemade curtains and donated wall hangings and transformed a tiny room on the third floor of Jones Hall into a place where women could come together and learn.

At that point, it was called WISE, an acronym for Women's Information Service in Education, and it offered women a place to turn to for legal resources and community information.

"Women's Centers were gradually popping up all over the country in various ways. They were usually all very grassroots level," said Sara Bishop, a center worker and historian. "Not that many colleges started out with it coming from the upper ranks deciding to create a center."

During a renovation almost two years later, in June 1979, it was moved to an even smaller room on the second floor of the James Union Building. Shortly after that, the center was moved to its current location — an area three times larger on the other end of the second floor of the JUB.

Although the center may have finally found its home, it didn't stop evolving and changing. Computers and walls and doors where there once were partitions were added to the office in 1990.

The old name of the center has even been shed. The second name, Women's Information and Referral Center, was chosen in September 1984. The third name was selected while second director Rebecca Rice was in charge.

The name was changed in fall 1985 to honor Anderson's memory. She died in January 1984 after an extended illness. Anderson first arrived at MTSU as a chemistry professor in 1958. During her more than 20 years at MTSU, she created Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women (CFAW), the group that put together the Women's Center, and Women in Higher Education in Tennessee (WHET).

When Rice left the center in May 1992, she was replaced by Dr. Candace Rosovsky.

"I consider it an honor to be the third director of the MTSU Women's Center, following in the footsteps of many women who have given this center life," Rosovsky said

It has progressively grown from a part-time center with just a small collection of library books, community resource information and legal resource information to a full-time center with a large collection of books and resources.

The changes, including the full-time director, secretary and counselor, computerization and a much larger budget, were the result of recommendations from a needs assessment.

When the center first opened, it was staffed by women faculty members in their spare time. They would spend a few hours in the center in addition to keeping up with their teaching, advising and serving on committees.

Before the first counselor was hired in 1992, many of the women involved in the center from the sociology and anthropology departments advised each other on counseling and referred students to counseling services. Most of the early counseling was related to careers and academics.

At one point there was not even a woman counselor on the campus, a point first used by center employees to show why a full-time center counselor was necessary. Now, counselor Mary Glantz is able to help women with questions related to school and personal life. She sees both regular clients and walk-ins.

Bishop, a student in the public history and historic preservation graduate program who researched Anderson and the center for a class project, said about 10 to 15 students walked in for the first time each week when the center first opened. And it was open a maximum of 20 hours each week. About 900 clients were seen the first three years of operation.

In 1985, about 335 women were seen at the center in one month. That number had ballooned to an average of 700 clients per month in 1994, with 65 sessions of counseling.

Over the years, CFAW, which is now the Association of Faculty and Administrative Women, and the Women's Center have worked to improve the conditions on campus for women.

The members of CFAW began lobbying early on for better lighting and increased safety for women, things that are still being lobbied for on campus today.

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June Anderson

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"It seems like every advance that's made, there's always something else that can be done," Bishop said. "You know, there's always something else that needs to be increased."

Because of the center's staff and CFAW, the first programs on rape were held in the women's dorms. Other programs they've sponsored over the years have included resume writing, how to get tenure, abuse and battery workshops and removing stereotypes.

They've also sponsored "Take Back the Night" events, "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" and MTSU's National Women's History Month (NWHM) events.

The staff is now following a tradition started by Anderson when she organized the first statewide women's conference at MTSU in 1977. The keynote for the event was advice guru Dr. Joyce Brothers. Three years ago, the center sponsored its first Women's Leadership Conference which attracts students from all over the state. Earlier this year, the third conference was held on campus.

The theme of the 1998 conference was "Dream Out Loud." And as proof that the center's staff is still dreaming, they were able to boast former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders as the keynote speaker.

And as long as the staff keeps dreaming, they will keep up the traditions started by the center's namesake 21 years ago.

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Anderson, who taught high school science at inner-city Nashville schools for 10 years, graduate to college and chose MTSU. She was hired as the lone woman in the chemistry and physics department, a distinction that set the stage for her more than 30 years of distinguished service to the university.

"June Anderson was really remarkable, Bishops declares. "Anybody that you talk to, any of her colleagues, will call her things like 'tenacious' and a 'pistol.'"

Despite the fact that she was academically inclined, Anderson, born in 1926, did not come from a family of college graduates. However, her parents, George and Leliah Sutton Anderson, were overwhelmingly supportive of their only child's academic inclinations.

Anderson supported herself at George Peabody University through work and loans, and she graduate with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and biology in 1947. She received her master's degree from Peabody in chemistry and English the next year

Anderson had wanted to major in pre-medicine, but difficult circumstances and severe discrimination made it impossible. Because she was not able to pursue her dreams, she decided to push her female students to pursue nontraditional careers for women.

"She understood the struggles non-traditional women were going through," explained Bishop.

After her first four years at MTSU, she took a leave of absence to pursue her doctorate. In 1964, she became Dr. Anderson after earning a grant-in-aid leave and completing her classes in chemistry and statistics at Florida State University.

She returned to MTSU after completing post-doctoral work at the University of Arkansas under a grant from the National Science Foundation. She was made a full professor of chemistry in 1968..

In the midst of encouraging MTSU women to follow their dreams, Anderson began to notice that the student profile was changing. The typical student was no longer a white 18- to 21-year-old male.

More women and minorities were entering college at older than traditional ages and the university's faculty wasn't keeping up with the changes, Bishop said.

It was then she took the lead in fighting for women's equality on campus. Through these efforts the CFAW, Women's Center and Women in Higher Education were born. She also took the lead when CFAW conducted its first salary equity study and helped establish a self-sufficient day care center on campus in 1982.

That same years, Anderson also used her estate to set up the June Sutton Anderson Foundation, which provides annual scholarships to women over the age of 23 entering male-dominated fields. She had suffered from asthma all her life and wanted to set up the JSA Foundation before she died.

Her battle with emphysema lasted two more years and she died Jan 11, 1984

"June Anderson was a faculty member who for a number of years was a leader in advocating equal rights and equal pay for women," said former MTSU President Sam Ingram. "She did it at a time when it wasn't the most popular action, but it needed to be done."

Happy Birthday!

Corlew Celbrates 30 years on Campus

Brooke Lewis

Out of the flat farmland that surrounded MTSU, a skyscraper of sorts in the form a women's dormitory emerged some 30 years ago. The landscape and skyline have never been the same since.

Corlew Hall opened 30 years ago in the fall of 1967, and to celebrate the milestone, the Corlew staff worked all summer to put together a weeklong party to recognize 30 years of housing hundreds of students.

The theme of the week-long bash was "Back to the '60s."

"This theme was chosen because Corlew was built in 1967, and we wanted our residents to know that and take pride in their dorm," said Corlew Resident Assistant Anne Newman.

Corlew Hall was named in honor of Dr. Robert Corlew, a former history professor and a former vice president for academic affairs.

Cummings Hall was opened in the fall of 1969 and also celebrated its 28th birthday this year, in conjunction with the Corlew celebration.

The staff of Cummings Hall also helped with the planning of the birthday celebration and participated in the events. Events were planned at times that would not be in conflict with class schedules so that students could attend, said Newman.

Activities included a costume party, for which students were encouraged to dress in their best '60s get-up; a '60s beatnik coffee house on the Corlew patio; a block party for both Cummings and Corlew Halls, which took place between the two dorms near the sand volleyball courts; and a birthday party. The highlight of the party was the development of a time capsule to represent the students of 1997. Students were encouraged to bring things to the party that they think represent what life is like in Corlew Hall in 1997.

Newman said all the events were well attended and the time capsule is representative of today's students. It would be interesting to see what the students of the future think of what the students of today left for them, she added.

The Voice of TRAM

MTSU V.P. is the man behind the machine

Bryan Brooks

The voice of TRAM might be the most recognized voice on campus. For some it's the voice that tells them none of the classes they want are open, and finishes with, "thank you, good-bye," after informing them that their schedule for the next semester might be the worst they've ever had.

The voice of TRAM, or TRAM Man as some of his colleagues refer to him, is Cliff Gillespie, the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management. Gillespie has been the voice behind TRAM since the program was first initiated in 1993.

Gillespie confirmed that people recognize his voice when he's out and about. From cashiers at Krogers to workers at a local computer shop, students sometimes connect his voice with TRAM, and all ask the same questions, "Are you the voice of TRAM?"

Gillespie has even started a tradition of sorts associated with TRAM Man. The last couple of graduations Gillespie has made it a point to attempt to cheer the students up. While acting as commencement marshal at 8:00 in the morning he says, "you probably don't know who I am, but see if you recognize this voice... Welcome to TRAM." The students go nuts and start laughing and applauding, according to Gillespie.

Gillespie said he doesn't mind the occasional jokes about being TRAM Man. Faculty still tell students to go up and see TRAM Man if they have an enrollment problem that Gillespie can help them with. When asked if he minded the association with TRAM he replied, "You got to keep everything in context, you want to keep everybody having a good time, and if I can be the brunt of a few jokes, that's fine."

Gillespie was chairman of the committee that was responsible for implementing TRAM in the spring of 1993. The committee was looking for someone who would be around to make corrections to the system as needed, and they decided that Gillespie was the best choice.

"I fit those criteria, nobody else on the committee wanted to do it, and Robert Redford probably wasn't affordable, so I got the job," he said.

A digital audio tape system (DAT) in the recording lab that the recording industry program has in the basement of the James Union Building was used to record Gillespie's voice. The lab was reserved for three hours to compose TRAM, but it took less than 45 minutes. Gillespie had to speak each and every word or phrase that would ever be needed into a microphone. It was then recorded on digital tape and transferred to a computer system where each phrase was assigned a unique code.

When a registering student punches in a specific code for a class, the phrase or letter associated with that code is retrieved form the voice box by the computer in response to the student.

Gillespie said that the TRAM messages only have to be changed slightly each new semester, if at all. Most recently he decided a holiday message for TRAM would be a nice addition and added, "Happy holidays from MTSU."

Miss Jongama Roots

MTSU student crowned Miss Jongama Roots

Christi Underdown

Chrystalyn Hall, avid collector of elephant figurines and part-time employee of Service Merchandise, is treated like a celebrity in The Gambia, West Africa.

The MTSU junior majoring in social work recently was crowned "Miss Jongama Roots" by the first lady of The Gambia in a beauty pageant Hall didn't even know she was a participant in.

Hall, along with 50 other students from MTSU and other universities, studied abroad in West Africa in a program organized by James E. Mock of Austin Peay State University and A.J. Stovall of Rust College in Holly Springs, Mo.

The Roots festival, a cultural event for people of African descent to learn about their heritage, was in its preparatory stages during the students' month-long stay in The Gambia. It was during this festival Hall was crowned.

Hall, an intern who was known in The Gambia because of her annual visits there was asked to find other students from the Diaspora, areas not in Africa, to participate in a fashion show as part of the festival. Hall was approached. She agreed and was immediately thrust into the whirlwind of preparations. She was measured for an outfit, studied for the ideal make-up design and was repeatedly asked to walk for the sponsors.

"They kept asking me to walk for them," she said. "I couldn't understand it."

She asked her friend, a manager at the hotel, why the people were asking her to do such specific things. During his explanation, she realized what she had actually volunteered to do was not just a "fashion show," but an equivalent to the United States' "Miss America" pageant.

"I was a little angry," she said. "But I guess they thought 'fashion show' and 'pageant' meant the same thing."

Hall considered dropping out of the show, but decided against it.

"You just don't tell somebody something and then not do it. Your word is valid there," she said. "It would have been tacky not to."

On June 20, the night of the show, Hall was shocked to find out how prominent the show was to be.

"The tickets were $100 to get in," she said. "It was even going to be televised. I was terrified. I was praying, 'God, rapture us at any moment now'."

There were 12 contestants: eight Gambians, one Senegalese and two women from Great Britain.

Hall's costume designer has also worked with the women from Great Britain. They had known about the pageant and had gone through special training and rehearsals. Hall had known nothing about it.

"I don't know why they didn't tell me," she said. "I just had to get up and smile."

Hall modeled different types of costumes and went through a question-answer discussion about the comparison between American and Gambian fashion.

She was crowned the first Miss Jongama Roots - a title which means a combination of the "perfect female Afro-centricity" and the goal of the festival itself, learning about one's past - by the country's First Lady, Tuti Fall-Jammeh. She was congratulated by President Yahya A.J.J. Jummeh.

"I couldn't move," she said. "They had to call my name twice."

She was an instant celebrity, constantly addressed as "Miss Gambia" or "Miss Queen" by the local people.

The next day she began her tour of schools, making speeches at as many as three or four a day.

"Before we were on our own time," she said. "Then my life was changed forever. They treated me like royalty. I wasn't used to that."

In addition to her sudden fame, she won a crown, a sash, a trophy, a trip for two to the Spanish island of Las Palmas, including four nights in a three-star hotel, a luxury body shop basket and free hair care throughout her stay in The Gambia. Hall said she would leave for Spain in June, but would not disclose who her guest would be. Presently, Hall is negotiating with "The Oprah Winfry Show" to tell her story. On the local level, she will be participating in the opening ceremony at the African-American Street Festival.

"I don't know what's going to happen," she said. "I'm just leaving it to God."

Hall is making plans to go back to The Gambia next year and take 100 people with her. She said if she cold work out the details the trip would be one-week long, the duration of the Roots Festival, where she will crown the next Miss Jongama Roots.

Above: The Gambia President, His Excellency Yahya A.j.j. Jummeh, congratulates Hall.

Opposite page: MTSU student Chrystalyn Hall accepts the title of Miss Jongama Roots.

MTSU Band of

Staff reports

Some people might call it "superfreaky." Others might just want to "Getaway." But there is no way around it, the MTSU Band of Blue will have people talking this fall about its halftime show during the football games.

The halftime show this year is a retro '80s celebration, starting with Prince's (actually, the artist formerly known as Prince) "1999" and ending with "We're not gonna take it" from Twisted Sister. And yes, the crowd is encouraged to sing along at the top of their lungs.

"We do a lot of funk," said Dawn Tittle, trumpet player and band president. "It's a very well put together show."

Gary Ingles put the music together for the show, following up the popular '70s theme from last year. Terry Jolley, who will be returning for his second year as marching band director, mapped out the drill the band will be performing. "We're going to have a lot of fun," Jolley said.

Larger than ever at 230 members, most of the band is incoming freshmen. But Tittle pointed out that everybody has marched "at least four years" when you include their high school marching band experience, which is often very competitive and entails a longer season. College bands do not compete in marching competitions, but the Band of Blue will have a televised performance on Channel 8 during the regional Contest of Champions in October, which features the best high school bands around.

In addition to the regular color guard that performs with the band, the MTSU Dance Team will come out onto the field during one of the tunes and, well, they'll dance. Four majorettes will also be twirling and dancing in-and-out of the band drills.

The other tunes the marching band will play include: "Getaway" by Chicago; "You Can Call Me Al" by Paul Simon; and "Superfreak" by Rick James.

"You can't help but love it," Tittle said.

Blue goes Retro

Carl Lambert

MTSU is #1

MTSU chosen first in Middle Tennessee

Susan McMahan

As students return from the lazy days of summer, they returned to a larger population growing from 17,924 students here last year to 18,309 students this fall with more middle Tennessee high school valedictorians and salutatorians chosing to attend MTSU over all other universities.

Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records, said enrollment is at an all-time high and MTSU is now the third largest state university in Tennessee.

In a study conducted by The Tennessean covering 94 percent of middle Tennessee high schools, 12 percent of the valedictorians and salutatorians chose MTSU. The second and third place universities in the survey were the University of Tennessee-Knoxville with 10 percent and Vanderbilt with eight percent.

The study covered 51 public schools and 26 private high schools in a 10-county region. Gillespie said he was not "surprised as much as pleased" when he saw the results of the survey.

The results of the survey, he said, show "our continuing presence in the Nashville area."

"In this group, we really do compete with the best in the nation. These are students that can enroll anywhere," Gillespie said, adding that several of the high school students polled chose to attend Ivy League schools like Yale.

Gillespie said he attributes the results to MTSU's recruiters and scholarship program.
In the six years since Dr. James E. Walker was named MTSU president, scholarship funding has increased from $500,000 to $3 million.

MTSU has also raised admission standards to a 2.80 high school grade point average or a score of 20 or better on the ACT test.

"As an MTSU alumnus, I'm certainly glad they waited until now to raise the standard, or I might not have been able to get in," joked Andy Womack, MTSU Foundation president.
"I'm excited about the growth and the quality of growth," Womack added. "Every year we're attracting a high quality of student."

Womack said it is a "compliment" to the university that enrollment is improving not just by the number, but also by academic standards.

Over the past three years, entering freshmen classes have exceeded state and national ACT averages. The average ACT scores for incoming freshmen is 21.5, which is almost a full point above the national average of 20.9, and more than two points ahead of Tennessee's average of 19.3.

The majority of students comprising MTSU's phenominal growth are from Tennessee, Gillespie said, but MTSU attracts students from all over the country (enrolling students from 45 states).

Megan Frazier, who is a freshman this year, said the large enrollment at MTSU is a good thing in keeping with the future of the school. She said that she has met some interesting new friends and people. She said her classes are smaller than she expected, and her professors are working with each student and seem concerned about educating everyone.

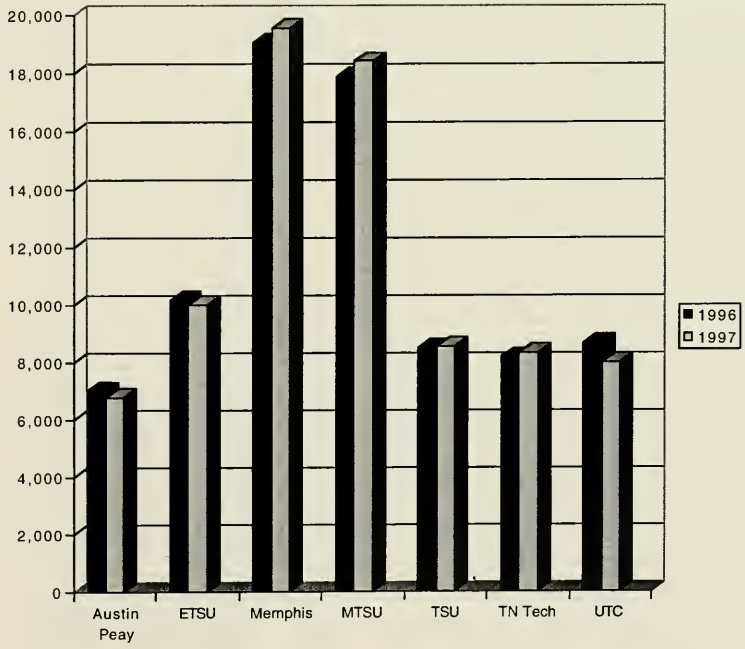
Frazier, who is majoring in Aerospace, also said that a large enrollment on campus will give the campus a better image.

In addition to more students, statistics show that the quality of students at MTSU are improving.

Transfer students enrolled at MTSU make up almost one-half (49.55 percent) of the undergraduate population. Most of these transfers come from Motlow State, Volunteer State, Columbia State, Nashville State Tech, UT-Knoxville and Tennessee Tech.

Enrollment on the Rise

Enrollment for Tennessee Board of Regents Schools has increased from the 1996 school year. MTSU led the growth among four-year schools, with an increase of nearly 3 percent.



*Austin Peay figures do not include Fort Campbell's session II classes, which began Oct. 6.

MTSU's First Graduate of Art Department Comes Back to School

Tara Larimer

Hal Broyles, is back in school after a 43-year hiatus.

Broyles was the first graduate from the art program, receiving a bachelor's degree in art from MTSC in 1954, focusing on drawing, sculpture and painting. Broyles said his whole family graduated what was then Middle Tennessee State College but he was the only one expressing an interest in art.

He then attended UCLA to pursue a graduate degree in advertising art. After a year of attending school, Broyles received a job offer from Arnold Engineering Development Center in Tullahoma.

He worked there as an illustrator for 36 years, alongside physicists, scientists, engineers, writers and photographers. Broyles said he took rough drawings from engineers employed at Arnold and turned them into presentation material and particularly enjoyed cartooning and brochure layout.

"It was what you'd call a well-rounded job and a good place to learn the ropes," Broyles said.

Broyles said he has found the time for many personal art projects over the years, in addition to his work for Arnold. He has made the "art show circuit" doing indoor and outdoor shows from Washington Square in New York to Coconut Grove in Florida, focusing primarily on his graphic arts.

He has received numerous awards in the competitive shows, some including the prestigious Winter Park Art Festival in Florida, Tullahoma Fine Arts Center shows, and Birmingham's Bluff Park shows.

Hallmark took an interest in Broyles' work in the mid-80's after he sent them a letter expressing ideas for the company. He flew to St. Louis to meet with Hallmark's president and art director, and his work was featured on the covers of greeting cards designed for bridge players to mark their tallies in.

A number of gift shops and boutiques carry Broyles' work today throughout Middle Tennessee. The Fine Arts Center in Tullahoma displays his work, as well as the Vanderbilt Book Store in Nashville. Broyles' most popular designs feature his "thumbprint art" on postcards, refrigerator magnets and keychains.

"I've been known as the 'thumbprint artist' around the southeast," he says.

Broyles' return to MTSU has been a "very rewarding" experience, he said. The 69-year-old student says he was a bit skeptical of how people would react to a student his age, but everyone has been friendly and accepting.

"I may not speak the language everyone does here, but I'm learning," he laughs.

When asked of the changes that have occurred at MTSU since his departure, Broyles chuckles again.

"Oh my goodness, the Old Administration Building (Kirksey Old Main) is about the only thing I recognize. That's a landmark. We called it the Old Am building," he said.

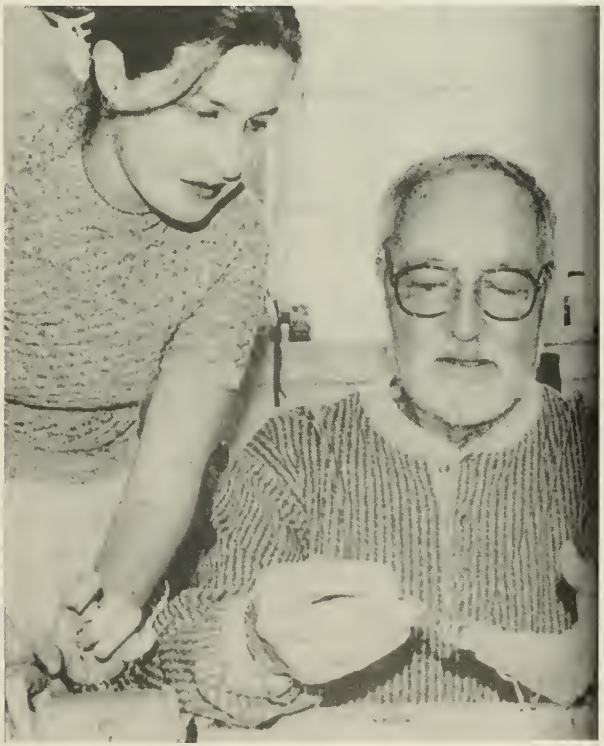
As for the progression of MTSU artists, Broyles says, "I think the students here are extremely talented. There's more interest in art, and it's a highly competitive field so I think the students try harder to get jobs in the industry. The talent is a lot more abundant than it was then."

Broyles gathers his art influences from everyday experiences, and doesn't list specific artists other than his admiration for Klaus Kallenberger, who instructs his jewelry design class.

"Talk about talent, this man has it," Broyles said.

Broyles still draws frequently and works on watercolors in addition to creating new jewelry. He is currently learning copper enameling and has a number of pieces he has created of silver since his return, including earrings, bracelets, pendants and broaches.

Broyles' wife is his "best critic" and sports his jewelry often when she works as an attorney in Tullahoma. His daughter teaches art at a junior college in Tampa, Fla, where she "outdoes her father by a lonshot.. But I think she got a little of that talent from me," he says with a smile.



Housing Repairs to Cost University Millions

by Susan McMahan

The housing department has learned the estimated cost of renovating MTSU dorms thanks to a recent audit by a Nashville architect.

MTSU can expect to make almost $45 million in repairs to update the 22 dorms on campus, according to Debra Sells, director of Housing and Residential Life.

Stephen Rick, an architect at Street Dixon Rick, walked through all of the building on campus to evaluate what repairs would need to be made to the buildings to prepare for the next 20 years.

Rick said he examined the mechanical and electrical systems in the buildings to determine their condition.

The buildings have some code and safety related items and need general updating.

He said the main problem with the buildings is that they need to be "more up to today's standards."

Most of the buildings, because of their age, are not easily accessible by disabled students, Rick said.

The last dorms building on campus were Ezell and Abernathy Halls in 1973.

Sells said that most of the dorms are the result of federal money given to the university at the time the dorms were built.

She added that many other universities also received this money and used it to build dorms, which is why many housing departments across the country, including MTSU, are having to update dorms.

"I don't think we were surprised by the outcome," said Sells. "Certainly, we wish it was less."

Sells and Rick will meet today with Facilities Services to determine the condition of the buildings' heating and plumbing systems.

They will also meet with Patti Miller, director of campus planning, to establish a plan for making the repairs.

"It's going to be a process to prioritize all this," said Rick.

The work on the project began earlier this year. Rick said the surveying portion is completed, but the report won't be completed until after the meetings.

Sells said that the work on the building will be done in three to five year periods, and that the most timely work will be done first.

"Not all of the work is an immediate crisis item," Sells said. "We looked at the buildings that exist today to see what's needed for the next 20 years."

She said the work on the dorms will never really be complete because there are some things, like a bad wind storm that destroys a roof, that can't be planned for or prevented.

Sells said the most critical work will be comfort and safety problems. After that work is completed, Sells said that work will begin on "fun and decorating."

To pay for the initial work to be done on the dorms, Sells said she hopes to borrow about $6 million.

The bond will be repaid with student fees. Housing is an auxiliary agency of the university, like Aramark and Phillips Bookstore, which means that they do not receive money from the university's capital budget.

Sells said the renovations will be a balancing act with the upcoming construction of a new dorm, which will be a "garden-style" apartment complex and will hold 400 students.

The dorm will be located in the equestrian site near the recreation center.

Sells said that the department did not want to put all the money in the new dorm project.

"Everybody would like to live in the Taj Mahal, but there's a price to live in the Taj Mahal," Sells said.

A New Name for MTSU?

Susan McMahan

MTSU's proposed name change to the University of Middle Tennessee will be studied by a new Tennessee Board of Regents ad hoc committee.

President James Walker formally submitted the proposed change to TBR in an August letter to Chancellor Charles E. Smith, who promised that the matter would be given serious consideration. The result was the special purpose committee formed at TBR's September board meeting.

"I think that the Tennessee Board of Regents will approve the name change," said Walker, adding that he doesn't think the committee will make decisions about the change quickly.

If the committee decides to approve the name change, it will be sent to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission for approval. The name change requires legislative action to be official.

Walker said that the name change could be in effect by July 1 of next year.

MTSU, with a final enrollment of 18,366, is the second largest university in the TBR system. The first is the University of Memphis, which in recent years changed its name from Memphis State, with an enrollment of 19,851.

"[The University of Middle Tennessee] is a more usual form of a name for an institution of this size," said Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president of academic affairs.

"Certainly, I think the University of Middle Tennessee would be an excellent name," Haskew said.

MTSU's Logo and Mascot committee has been officially discussing the name change for two years. The idea of changing the university's name to UMT has been discussed many years before the committee was formed.

In fact, Walker said he received a copy of an article in "Sidelines" from 1963 or 1964 that mentioned changing the name to the University of Middle Tennessee.

"I think the time is right to do it," Walker said.

Deborah Gentry, a member of the Logo and Mascot committee, said the committee's recommendations were submitted to Walker after their last meeting in June.

"[Changing the name] is a long process," said Gentry. "It is not going to be implemented overnight."

The committee, headed by Linda Hare, the vice president of development and university relations, was established to evaluate the university's logo and mascot. The name of the university was the only proposed change that requires approval from outside of the university.

Walker said the "broad-based" committee included faculty, administration and students of MTSU and members of the community.

Gentry said that the committee's membership tended to "fluctuate" because some members, including Student Government Association presidents, were on the committee when they were in office.

The editor of "Sidelines" when the committee was established, Mark Blevins, also was asked to be on the committee, but Walker said he declined because to would be a "conflict of interest."

Gentry, assistant voce president of development and university relations, said that the majority of people asked about the proposed changes were supportive.

Two of the biggest complaints the committee heard were that the people had close ties to the current name and concerns about the cost involved with changing the name.

In his letter to Smith, Walker said the cost involved would be covered by existing university resources.

John Bragg, current president of the MTSU Foundation, who wrote a letter to Walker in support of the change, said that the alumni who contribute to the university seem to be supportive of the name change. He said that currently about 11 percent of alumni give to the university.

"The name has tried to keep up with what's happened at the university," Bragg said.

In his letter, Bragg mentioned that MTSU was named Middle Tennessee State Normal School when it opened in 1911. When the school advanced to a four-year college in 1925, the name changed to Middle Tennessee Teachers College and later to Middle Tennessee State College in 1943.

The school was given the current name of MTSU in 1965.

"It's not the same institution it was 20 years ago," said Steve Shockley, executive director of the MTSU Foundation.

When the last change was made, Bragg was a member of the General Assembly and sponsored legislation in the House that changed the university's name to MTSU.

"If we're only doing what we did in 1911, we should still be Middle Tennessee State Normal School," Bragg said.

Public Safety Issues Trading Cards

by Chad Gillis

Picture paraphernalia giants such at Topps, Donruss and Fleer may soon find themselves out of business.

The MTSU Public Safety Department issued more than 2,000 trading cards of their 1997 set and plans to release some 6,000 more, and that figure is only considering cards one through 11 out of a 31-card set.

According to Public Safety Chief Jack Drugmand, CUSTOMS distributes a calender containing campus security and related information to new students. "This year we put in an officer trading card."

The trading cards are an effort to add life to information that might be overlooked by students. Chief Drugmand said he got the idea four or five years ago while on vacation eating muscles.

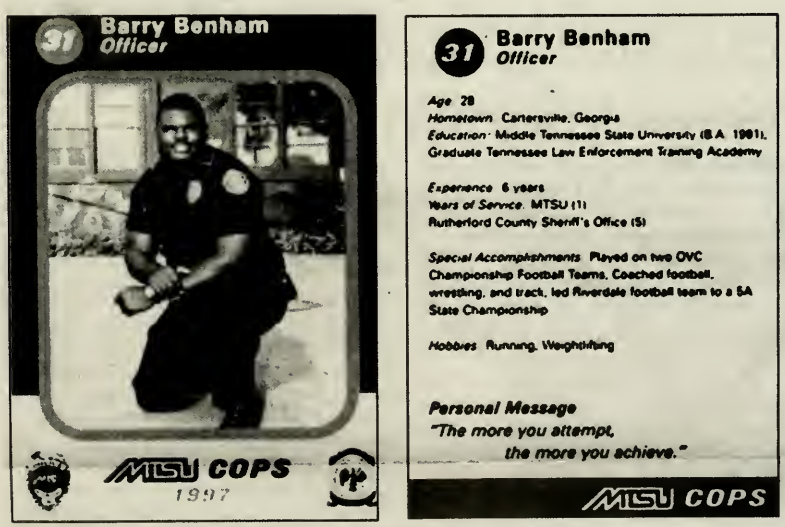
"I wanted a piece that would be user friendly and that students would not throw away," Drugmand said.

More than 8,000 calenders have been printed at this point, and each officer has been given 500 personal cards to distribute to students and faculty at request.

Each trading card includes a color, glossy photo on the front and information such as the hometown, education, years of service, and a little personal message at the bottom (not to mention lifetime batting average).

The 1997-98 public safety calendar and inaugural collector's card series included campus related information such as scheduled sporting events, concerts, holidays, symphony dates, campus rules and regulations, and campus crime statistics, housing standards, and a color map of the university.

Each member of the public safety team was available. From Technical Services Specialist Allen Jones to technical clerk Lisa Buford, all were available by request.



The last card of the 1997-98, 31 card set features Barry Benham.

Is it really her?

Susan McMahan

People have been doing double takes when they see Cindy Watts ever since the Clinton family took up residence in the White House.

And for this MTSU student, looking like Chelsea Clinton earned her a trip to Chicago to appear on the "The Jenny Jones Show."

All the MTSU cafeteria workers call her "Chelsea" and she is often stopped for autograph seekers. She was once stopped by a group of drunks during a visit to the Opryland Hotel who wanted pictures and autographs.

"Do you want me to sign my name or hers?" she asked them.

They wanted Chelsea Clinton, like most of the people do.

"The first time I did it, I misspelled her name," she said.

So when she saw a call for people who resemble celebrities on "The Jenny Jones Show," she called as a joke. However, the show's producers responded and wanted to see photographs of her. Not long after that, Cindy and her boyfriend Eric Moore found out they were on their way to Chicago.

Because there were about 40 look-alikes scheduled to be on the show and because Cindy is not represented by an agent, she was not provided the same type of accommodations as the "professionals." She also wanted Eric to go with her on her first trip to Chicago, so the show workers booked them on a bus instead of a plane.

They boarded the bus on March 19 — Cindy's birthday. They thought the bus trip would be quiet, but it had some eventful moments after they entered Illinois. Some of the passengers were rowdy and loud, Cindy said.

After 14 hours on the bus, Cindy and Eric arrived in Chicago, where there was 13 inches of snow and the ground and wind chill of 14 degrees below zero.

They stayed in a Best Western hotel while the professional look-alikes were booked into a nicer hotel.

"It was small than a dorm room," Cindy said. "But it was clean."

Not only were the "professionals" given better accommodations, they were also paid for their appearances. Cindy got her bus tickets, rooms and $80 worth of free food.

The professionals included Jack Nicholson, the '80s Madonna (there was also a '90s Madonna on the show), Hillary Clinton, Bill Clinton, Agent Dana Scully from the "X-Files," Garth Brooks and Reba McEntire.

'Garth' and 'Reba' are married and from Goodlettsville. Cindy was told they can be seen on TNN all the time.

Maria Carey, Janet Jackson, Bob Barker from "The Price is Right," Helen Hunt, Marilyn Manson, Rosie O'Donell, Pamela Anderson, the little boy from Jerry Maguire, Tom Cruise and the Spice Girls were also on the show.

The best look-alike in Cindy and Eric's opinion was Samuel L. Jackson, who wasn't a professional look-alike. He works at a Cracker Barrel restaurant.

Most of the look-alikes were easy to recognize, although a few weren't.

Cindy's, whose real dad's name is Bill, posed with her "family" and "Monica Lewinsky," who was from Arizona.

"This is such a scandal!" one of the show's security guards teased. "Do you know what she did with your dad?"

Not everyone made it on the show, including Mike Tyson, Evander Holyfield and Kennedy from MTV.

But Cindy made it and was even given a skit to act out — even though she only had time to rehearse it once before the show.

"I wasn't nervous," she said. "I guess I should have been.

While the well-organized hour-long show taped in only one hour and 20 minutes, Eric sat backstage and talked to the look-alikes.

As for their host, Jenny Jones was very professional and very much in command.

"Jenny was cut and dry," Eric said. "It's not that she wasn't polite."

She had rules for her guests like no taking photos without asking her first. She left as soon as the taping ended. She had to get ready to tape the next show for the day — biker makeovers.

Cindy and Eric did some sightseeing after the show, but departed the morning of March 12. The show featuring Cindy aired March 31.

Cindy said the whole experience was fun, but she didn't really like the way she had to travel.

"I would do it again, but I'd want to fly," Cindy said. "I'd do it just for fun."

She thinks it would be fun to "be" Chelsea Clinton on a part-time basis, but she doesn't see it happening.

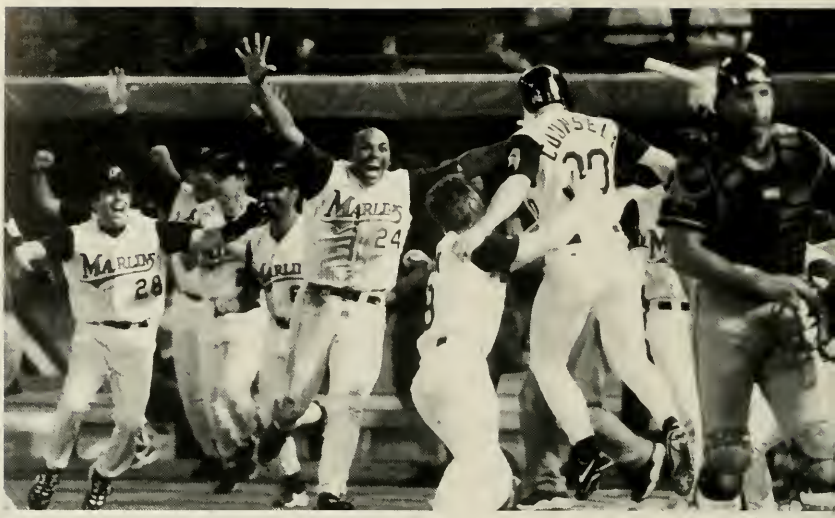
"'Hillary Clinton' said that I could be a professional look-alike," Cindy said. "But how long could you possibly ride the Chelsea Clinton thing?"

"'Hillary' said she could guarantee me a job if I moved to California. I don't think there is a big enough market."

She wouldn't mind if the double-takes increase and has even joked that Eric should dress like a Secret Service person. She's even been told she could secure reservations at any restaurant she would like in Nashville.

But she is content to be herself at MTSU in Murfreesboro — and occasionally make a few heads turn.

Who is the real Chelsea Clinton? The photograph on the left is Cindy Watts and the first daughter is on the right.



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AUGUST

Events, people, and issues, that make up the life of the MTSU Campus as well as the World

1997 - 1998 Calendar

8 The Lady Raider Voleyball team tours Italy and comes back to MTSU with a 2-2 record.

9 Summer commencment at the Murphy Center.

19 President Walker holds his annual picnic . Students can come and enjoy eachothers company as well as the free food.

31 Below: Diana, Princess of Wales, dies at the age of 36 in a fatal car crash. Dodi Al Fayed, a long time friend, was also killed.

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17 Right: Welcome Week helps new students adjust to college life. Activities include a Street Dance, President's Picnic, and Movie Night at the KUC Knoll.

Celeste Castillo

Celeste Castillo

Left: CUSTOMS is once again held to help students become aware of the Campus. Student Organization Assistants give tours of the campus, show new students the "hot spots", and give advice onwhat classes to take.

31 The Lady Raiders soccer team kicked off the first game of the season against Morehead state.

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

4-7 Sorority rushes for the year begin. Sororities are organizations allowing women to bond with eachother as well as to have fun during their college and adult years.

5 Mother Teresa died at the age of 87 of heart failure in her connvent in Calcutta.

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6 The Blue Raider kicks off the season with a game against Tennessee State University.

10-18 Fraternity's start pledging this month. This is a time for men to go out and pledge their undying allegiance to an organization.

11 Founder's Day party was held at the Alumni Center. The University celebrated its 86th year in Murfreesboro.

16 The Tennessee Livestock Center hosts the World Grand Championship National Saddle Horse Fall Show.

22 The Middle Tennessee Symphony was held at Tucker Theatre.

25 A resolution was passed to support the name change currently in progess. President Walker is supporting a name change to University of Middle Tennessee. In 1911 Middle Tennessee State University was known as Middle Tennessee Normal School, 1925 Middle Tennessee State Teachers College pervailed, in 1930 we became State Teachers College, Murfreesboro, in 1943 Middle Tennessee State College was our new name, and finally in 1965 we became Middle Tennessee State University.

Will Isom

14 Hispanic Heritage Month was kicked off with a performance of Compania de Baile Hispana.

27 Family Day is celebrated by students and parents. This is a time for students to show off MTSU for those that are paing their education.

28 Rutherford County and MTSU sponsored the annual Heart Walk. President James Walker and Former Rep. John Bragg were two of the five speakers.

Will Isom

10-11 Left: A Blood Drive was held the in KUC. This drive, sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta, allows students to come and support the community.

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

6 Two former MTSU players and a former MTSU coach were elected into the MTSU Hall of Fame. Kim Webb played basketball for the Lady Raiders. She holds the record for 2,148 career points for both the men and the women. Emmett Kennon played football and baseball for MTSU back in the 1930's. Kennon also served as Midlander editor in 1938 and Sidelines sports editor. Former coach Joe Black Hayes started the first Blue Raider wrestling team. Coach Hayes help lead the Raiders to seven Ohio Valley Conference championships and had an overall record of 133-57-7.

9 Below: Flu Shots were given to those willing to endure the pain. They were held in the Carson Kennedy Nursing Building.

2 Saran Dunmore was elected Homecoming Queen by the student body.

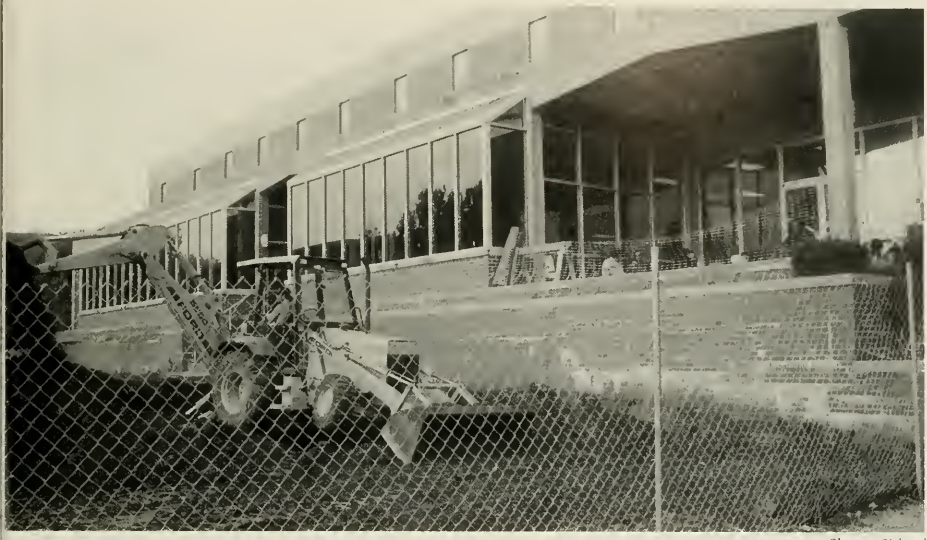
4 Homecoming Game against Jacksonville State. The Raiders beat the Gamecocks 27-16.

6 Students were invited to participate in the third annual "WALK to End Domestic Viloence" in Nashville on the 18th. The "WALK" was sponsored by the Project to End Abuse through Counseling and Education. Otherwise known as PEACE.

7 A Jazz Set was held in the JUB Tennessee Ballroom.

Chad Gillis

16-17 Fall Break begins. A holiday that many students look forward to during the semester.



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8 Left: Renovations start on the Phillips Bookstore and will last until the end of March. The bookstore intends to occupy the space under the KUC Grill.

22 Below: The National Coalition of 100 Black Women sponsored a "Night of Fun" at the Murphy Center. Several spectators witnessed a Spades Tournment and a dance contest. DJ Trav supplied the music that evening.

National Coalition of 100 Black Women

12 John Denver died when his experimental plane crashed in Monterey Bay. Two of his trademark songs were "Rockey Mountain High" and "Sunshine on My Shoulders"

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OCTOBER

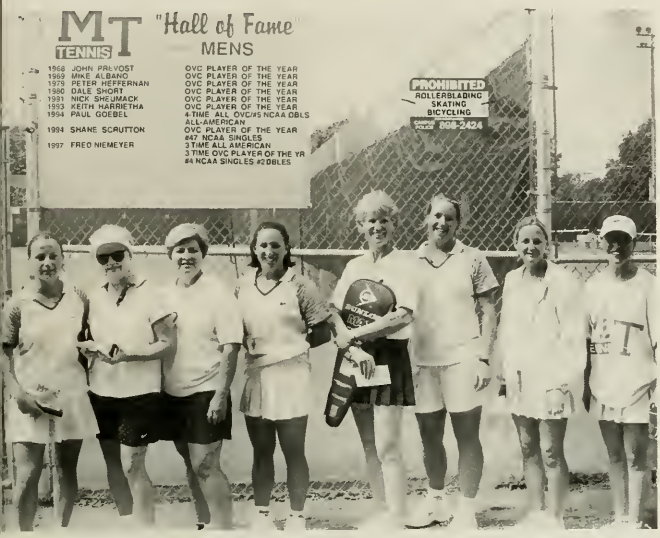
NOVEMBER

1 The President's Ball took place on the first of the month.

18-22 Below: Tucker Theater hosted the play "The Hostage" written by Brendan Benhan.

8 Left: President Walker leads the Veterans onto the football field for Veterans Day.

6&30 Below and Right: Lady Raider and Blue Raider Tennis Teams attended the Rolex Regionals.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1969 MIKE ALBANO OVC PLAYER OF THE YEAR
1979 PETER HEFFERNAN OVC PLAYER OF THE YEAR
1990 DALE SHORT OVC PLAYER OF THE YEAR
1991 NICK SHEUMACK OVC PLAYER OF THE YEAR
1993 KEITH HARRETHA OVC PLAYER OF THE YEAR
1994 PAUL GOEBEL 4-TIME ALL OVC/#5 NCAA DBLS ALL-AMERICAN
1994 SHANE SCRUTTON OVC PLAYER OF THE YEAR
1997 FRED NIEMEYER #47 NCAA SINGLES 3 TIME ALL AMERICAN 3 TIME OVC PLAYER OF THE YR #4 NCAA SINGLES #2 DBLES
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25-30 Left: The Rec Center sponsored a hike to the Grand Canyon in Arizona. The backpacking trip took place during Thanksgiving break. The total cost was $395 per student.

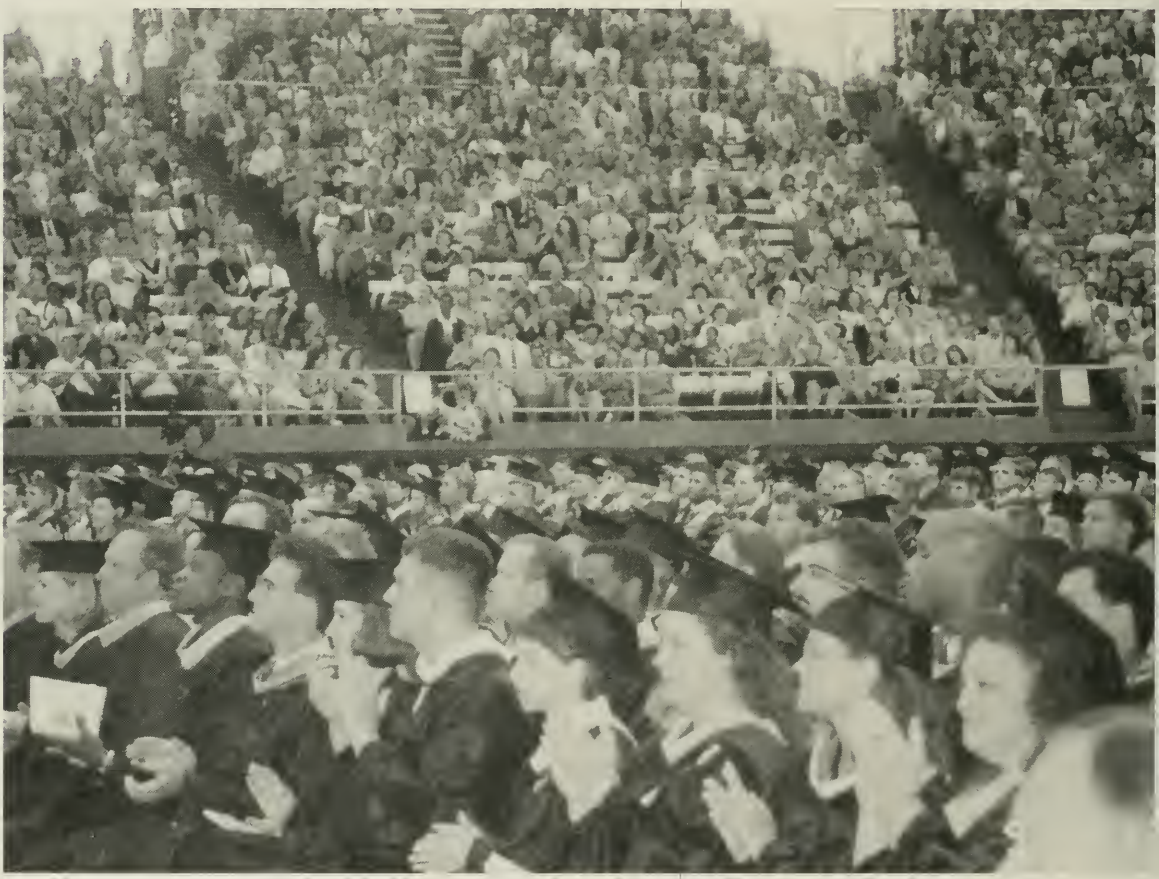
27-28 No Classes: Thanksgiving Break

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Finals started on the ***6th*** .

Below: Commencement was the ***13th*** *of December.*
A farewell to graduating Seniors.



Left: Members of Cub Scout Pack 448 work diligently on Santa's workshop during the Murfreesboro Christmas parade.

Right: Old Blue bids MTSU farewell. The mascot was replaced with Lightining, the horse, in the spring semester.

DECEMBER

JANUARY

7 Classes begin for the Spring Semester

19 Millions around the world celebrated Martain Luther King, Jr. Day

28 The Summer Jobs Fair was sponsered by the Placement office and was held in the KUC

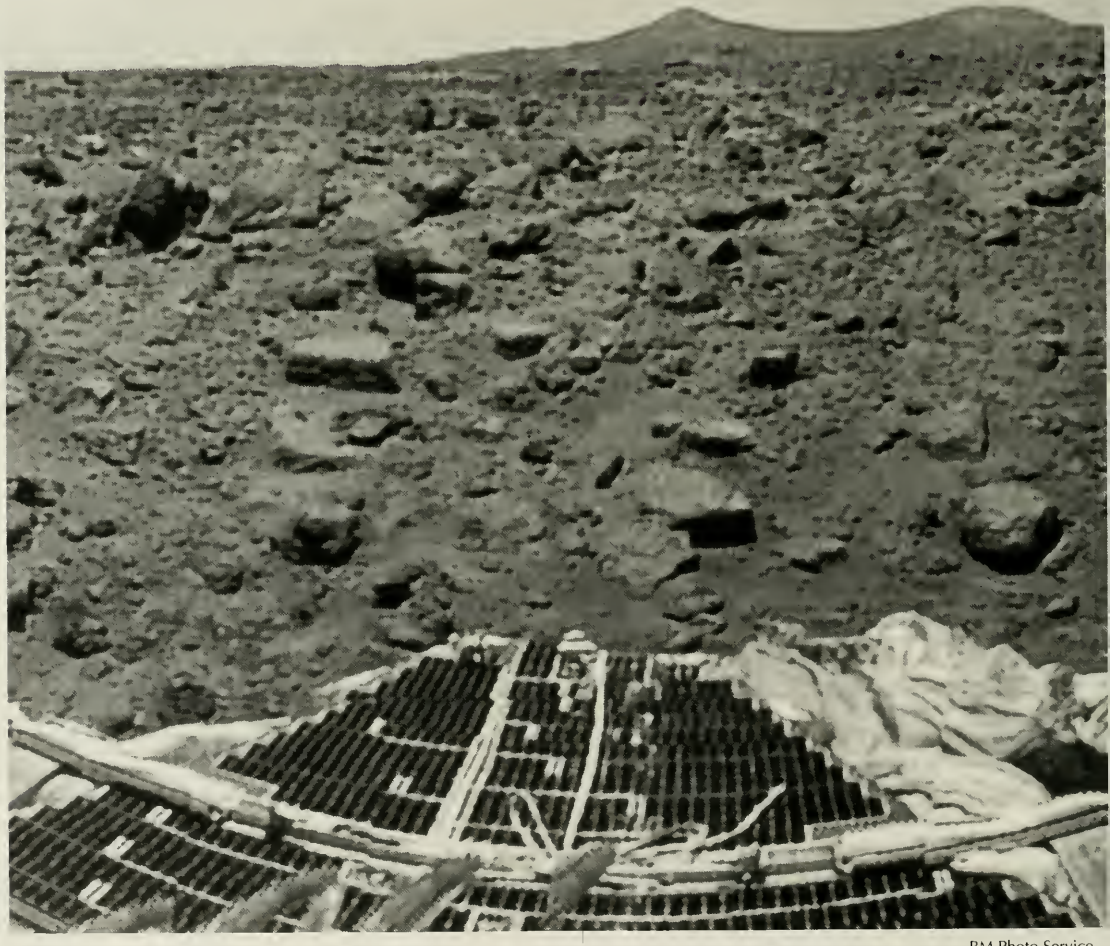
17 *Right: Blue Raider and Lady Raider Basketball against Tennessee Tech. This was also the unveiling of the much awaited mascot Lightning. The half time show boasted of the Dance Team, Cheerleaders, and a Laser Show*

25 *Below: The Denver Bronocs upset the Green Bay Packers with a 31-24 win at Super Bowl XXXIII. The win ended the 13 year losing streak for the Amercian Conference.*

JANUARY

February

10 Below: Pathfinder's mission is terminated by NASA. Pathfinder had not been heard from since September of 1997. Pathfinder was gathering data on Mars.



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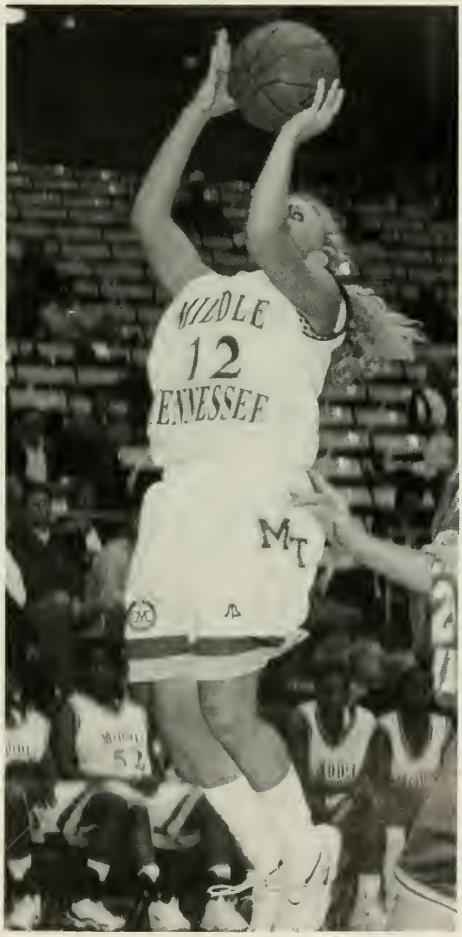
17 Above: U.S. Women's Hockey Team won the Gold Medal in the 98 Winter Olympics.

14 Valentine's Day was celebrated by those lucky in love and even by those who aren't.

23 President's Day

24 The Blue Raider Basketball team ends their season with a loss against Eastern Kentucky.

28 Below: The Lady Raiders win the Ohio Valley Conference Semifinals against Eastern Kentucky.



Steve Purinton

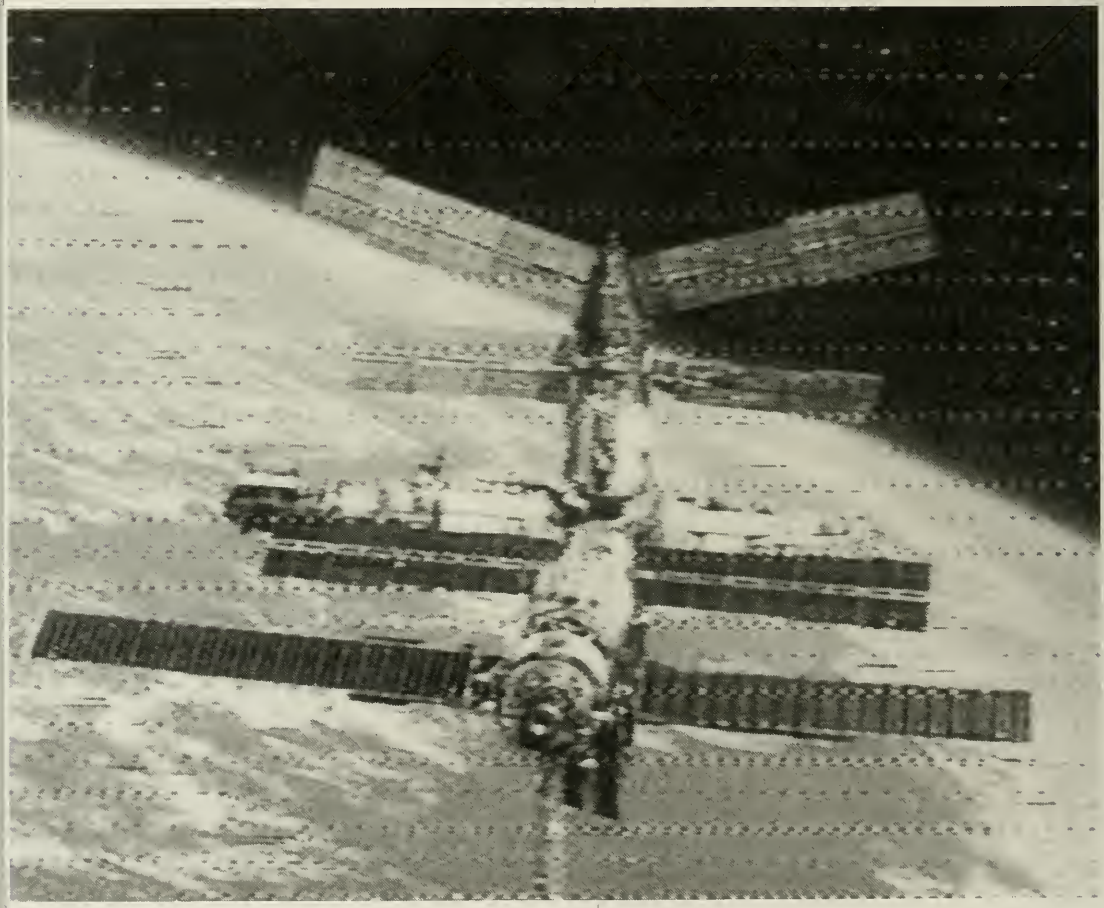
February

March

2-7 Mid-term Week

10 Below: Russian spacecraft MIR has been in orbit since 1986. MIR has made 60,000 trips around the earth and has continous problems that Russia and the United states have been working on together.

14 The Lady Raider Basketball team played Duke in the first round ot the NCAA tourney at Durham, North Carolina.



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18-22 Department of Student Publication went to a journalism conference in New York City. Some sight that were seen: TODAY SHOW, Rockerfeller Center, David Letterman Show, Montel Williams Show, and Broadway plays.

16-20 Below: Holly Campbell, Annie Suolto, and Marisa Calvin enjoy SPRING BREAK on the sunny Florida coast.

Marisa Calvin

17 Saint Patrick's Day was celebrated by wearing green.

March

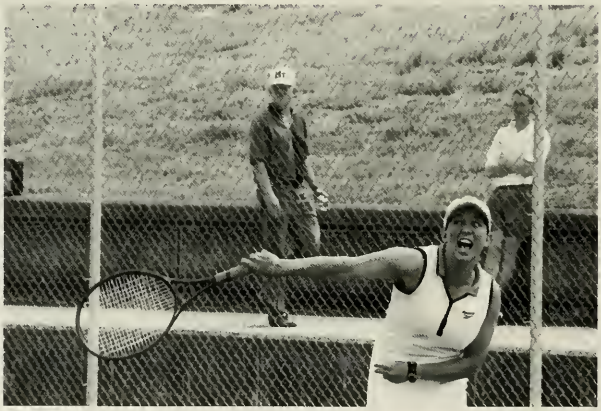
APRIL

1 *Did you know that there was actually no classes that day? ... No really. Ha Ha! Gotcha ...* ***April Fools!!***

2 *The 21st Annual Phi Mu Alpha Composers Concert/Competition took place in the Wright Music Building music hall.*

14 *MTSU Concerts proudly presented at the Tucker Theatre from the Chicago music scene* ***Sister Soleil.***

14 *Both the men's and women's tennis teams finished their regular season with an impressive undefeated record, and headed to the OVC tournament.*



16 *Jennie Treadway was chosen for the 'Sidelines' editor for the next semester.*

21 *The polls were finally in... and the SGA President for 1998 was* ***Jason Lawson****.*

26 *MTSU hosted the Dixie Youth Baseball Day at the Reese Smith Baseball Field.*

24 *'Wait a minute didn't those guys break up. So why are the Beatles here on campus.' Actually it was* ***1964 The Tribute*** *who visited MTSU.*

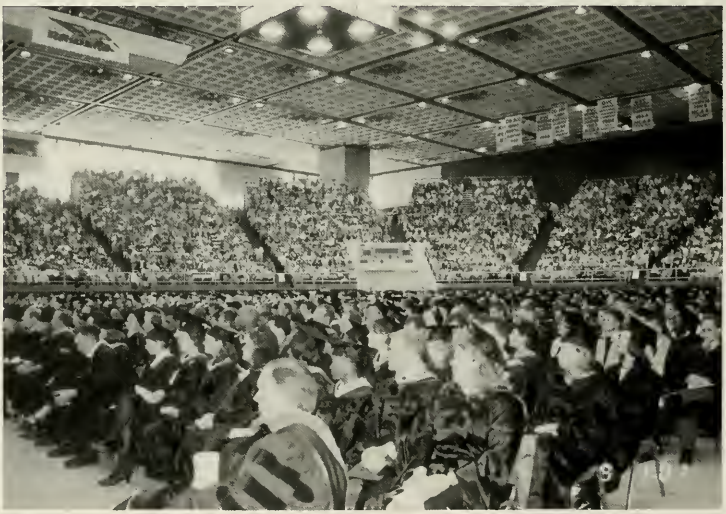
29 *Oh the humanity!!! It is the end of April, and the stress of preparation for Spring finals are taking a toll on the student body.*

APRIL

MAY

5 *As Alice Cooper once said, 'SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE SUMMER!!!' Many students finished up their last exams, and celebrated by getting ready to move back home for the summer.*

9 *Graduating seniors finally have a day all to themselves. On this day, graduation ceremonies took place where for many students became alumni, and wished MTSU a final farewell.*

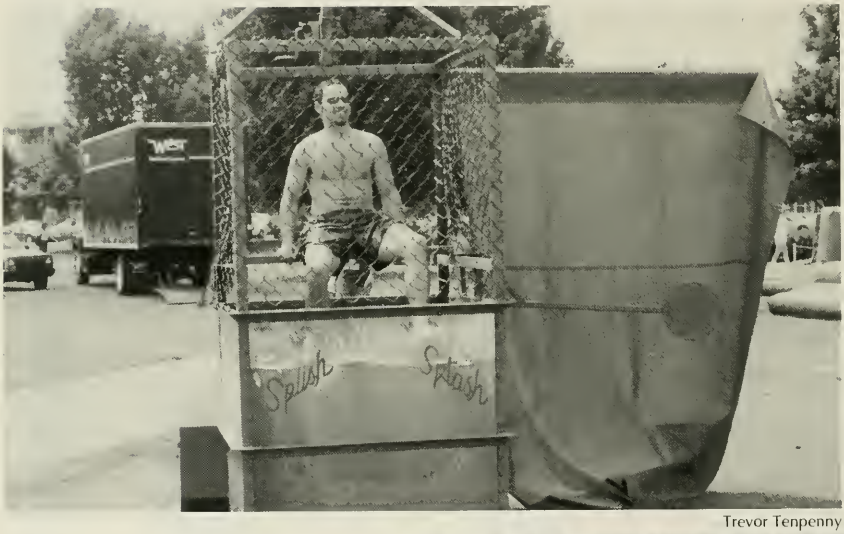


Graduation

The class of 1998 were anxious to receive fheir diplomas.

MAY

Trevor Tenpenny



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In the *Middle* of it all

Greeks

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Alpha Delta Pi

Founded: 1851

Colors: Azure blue and white

Chapter: Epsilon Tau

Number of members: 115

Alpha Omicron Pi

Founded:1897

Colors: Cardinal

Number of Members: 112

Chi Omega

Founded: 1895

Colors: Cardinal and Straw

Chapter: Zeta Theta

Number of members: 80

Delta Zeta

Founded:1902

Colors: Rose and Green

Chapter: Iota Iota

Number of members: 80

ΔZ

Kappa Delta

Founded: 1897

Colors: Olive Green and Pearl White

Number of members: 100

Chapter: Delta Pi

Zeta Tau Alpha

Founded: 1989

Colors: Turqoise and Gray

Chapter: Iota Chi

Number of members: 50

Beta Theta Pi

Founded: 1893

Colors: Pink and Blue

Number of members: 50

Kappa Alpha

Founded: 1865

Chapter: Delta Lambda

PROJECT OUTREACH

DIEU ET LES DAMES

Kappa Sigma

Founded: 1869

ΚΣ

Pi Kappa Alpha

Founded: 1868

Chapter:Eta Zeta

Colors: Garnet and Gold

ΠΚΑ

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Founded: 1969

Colors: Purple and Gold

Number of members: 75

ΣAE

Sigma Nu

Founded: 1970

Chapter: Theta Iota

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Founded: 1977

Chapter: Tennessee Theta

Colors: Purple and Gold

ΣΦE

Sigma Chi

Founded: 1897

Chapter: Eta Gamma

Colors: Blue and Old Gold

ΣX

MTSU Greek Row

Gregg Mayer / staff

Sigma Chi president Mickey Heath will never actually live in his fraternity's new house — he's graduating the semester before construction will be completed.

But Heath , along with seven other fraternity presidents here, are excited to see the preliminary designs of their new Greek Row houses completed by the architects.

"We wanted to get the most out of the house," Heath said. "And we did."

The firm Everton Olglesby Askew Architect completed first-phase design plans for eight new fraternity houses — ranging in size from 9,100 square feet to 12,000 square feet — to be built on campus by June 1999.

EOAA presented the designs to the Tennessee Board of Regents and to the Interfraternity Council here. TBR is the state-funding board that allocates moneys to MTSU and approves capital projects on campus.

Intern architect Chuck Gannaway prepared both presentations.

"To us, this is really a unique project," Gannaway said. "We're basically establishing a community."

Bulldozing inside 10 acres of university-owned property behind the Recreation Center, Greek Row will be located off Rutherford Boulevard.

"[The designs] are very well thought-out," said Victor Felts, director of Greek Life. "The architects are doing a phenomenal job."

Officials from MTSU, like Felts, have been maintaining close contact with EOAA while the first-phase designs were drawn up. Felts said he checked-in with the firm every two weeks since the project was approved for updates on the progress.

Eight fraternities -- Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa , Kappa Sigma, Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi — deposited $10,000 in August to ensure their spot on Greek Row. Beta Theta Pi will be purchasing the largest house, estimated to house 36 members and cover 12,000 square feet at a cost of $2 million.

The university is purchasing a state bond to pay for these houses that fraternity members will pay back in a 30-semester period.

"We told them what we wanted and the architect came up with the design," Heath said. "We are hoping [moving the fraternities on campus] is a benefit for everyone."

To pay back the state bond, dues to join fraternities will increase once the members move in to their new houses. Heath, who said his fraternity house would cost a little over $1 million and house 25 members, estimated cost to join Sigma Chi would inflate by $100.

Fraternities that didn't sign up for houses, but whose members might have changed their minds since August, are out of luck, Felts said.

MTSU Greek Row continued....

"These are the only eight [fraternity houses] at this point," Felts said, explaining there will be no plans for additional houses until after the original Greek Row is built.

After TBR and IFC approval, Gannaway said the firm will begin the second part of the three-part design phase. The design-development stage will hammer out any last-minute details fraternity members or TBR wish to change, and then the construction phase will determine which building materials should be used.

"We're giving every individual fraternity their unique identity," Gannaway said.

EOAA was recently a finalist in the competition to build the new Nashville Arena located on Broadway. Currently, the firm is working on a Renaissance Center in Dickson, Tenn., which will house a planetarium, an auditorium and multiple video/art studios.

Greeks Support Nashville Cares

Shawn Whitsell / staff

Greek fraternities and sororities on the MTSU campus participated in a fund-raiser to support Nashville Cares and presented it with a check for more than $10,000 during Greek Week. Nashville Cares is an organization that serves victims of HIV and AIDS in Nashville and other parts of Middle Tennessee, including Murfreesboro.

Each Greek member submited a list of 10 people who sponsored them for their community service.

"It's kind of a fund-raiser, community project," said Victor Felts, director of Greek Life. "This was the first year for this particular fund-raiser."

According to Felts, the fund-raiser began during summer and continued through spring semester, ending with Greek Week.

"I consider the fund-raiser to be semi-successful considering it is our first time to take on something on this level," Felts said.

Greek Life provides educational workshops for fraternities and sororities. Topics include membership and hazing, alcohol abuse and date rape prevention.

As the director of Greek Life, Felts works with all the fraternities and sororities on campus. He also works with fraternities' national headquarters, Interfraternity Council, United Greek Council, Order of Omega and Panhellenic Council. Felts also helps coordinate "Rush Week" and "Greek Week."

Kappa Alpha Psi

Celebrating 25 years of achievement

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity at MTSU celebrates its 25th anniversary at MTSU this year.

"It is an honor to be a member of the Eta Gamma Chapter. I'm sure the MTSU community is proud to see the chapter sill running strong 25 years later," said Shannon Johnson, a 1997 initiate and president of the chapter.

The chapter celebrated 25 years of service Dec. 2.

The organization had its beginnings in January,1911 when a 20-year-old Elder Watson Diggs led a group of 10 black collegians in forming a fraternity at Indiana University. They could not use most of the school's facilities, residences or dining halls.

Limited only by their imagination, they persevered and formed Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., which has as its sole purpose to encourage achievement through every field of human endeavor.

Under the direction of the Alpha Theta chapter at Tennessee State University, the first black, Greek-letter organization at MTSU was officially initiated in 1972 as the "First Thirteen."

Some of these men have become household names to Blue Raider fans throughout the years: J.W. Harper was the first black football player at MTSU; Tommy Haynes was a member of the U.S. Olympic Team in the mid-70s; Barry McClure was an NCAA triple-jump champion and the first black All-OVC football player from MTSU; and Raymond Bonner was drafted by the Detroit Lions of the NFL and is presently a football coach in the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

"If it wasn't for the 'First Thirteen,' the black Greek system would not exist at MTSU," said Daryl Holman, a 1966 initiate and nephew of one of the founders, Edmund Miller. "Through Uncle Ed, I was introduced to Kappa Alpha Psi at an early age. Being initiated into the chapter in which my uncle was a charter member was a heart touching moment for me."

In addition to the accomplishments of the "First Thirteen," other fraternity alumni have made contributions to the field of athletics. Sheikh Faye, a 1976 initiate, was a member of the U.S. Olympic team and a four-time All American in track and field while attending MTSU. Kolas Elion, a1977 initiate, was drafted by the New York Jets. Dwayne Collier, a1988 initiate, is making preparations to try out for the PGA tour in 1998. Marty Carter and Derwin Brewer, 1991 initiates, were drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Seattle Seahawks. Steve Rodgers, a 1988, initiate, was drafted by the New Jersey Nets in the second round of the NBA draft in 1992.

The Eta Gamma chapter became the first black fraternity to formally preside over a meeting in the president's mansion on Aug. 23, 1992. MTSU President James Walker is a distinguished member of the Kappa Alpha Psi.

Although the chapter has made many contributions to the world of sports, other members' achievements are in other fields. Sheikh Faye is the president of the MTSU Black Alumni Association. Richard Smith, a 1977 initiate, is the Associate Director of Housing. Rodney Bennett, a 1985 initiates the Assistant Dean of Students. Tony Carter, a 1988 initiate, has been a leading cellular salesman in Tennessee over the past two years. Quincy J. Birdsong, a 1990 initiate, is the South Central Province historian/reporter. J. Steven Barnes, a 1996 initiate, is the Junior Vice Pole march of the South Central Province, the highest ranked undergraduate officer in the province. Marlow Lawson is the current president of the Collegiate 100 chapter of MTSU, the first Collegiate 100 chapter.

Above: Ten of the "First Thirteen" charter members of the Eta Gamma Chapter stand outside Murphy Center in 1973.

Left: Members of Eta Gamma Chapter stand outside the KUC in 1997.

ΚΑΨ

Sigma Phi Epsilon Participates in DUI Prevention Program

Rachel Bailey

As the sirens wail, the car slows to a stop and the driver is asked to step out of the vehicle. Next, the dreaded sobriety test begin . . . the ones that, even while sober, students often wonder if they would pass. Pretending to walk on a tightrope, the driver stumbles — heel-toe-wobble, heel-toe-wobble — teetering on the edge of his self-imposed ill fate.

The drunken driver seems oblivious to what lies ahead. But as the handcuffs lock tightly around his wrists, the consequences begin to sink in. The thoughts of money, his soon-to-be-towed car and imminent license suspension begin to nag at the back of his inebriated mind, not to mention his impending hangover and possible jail sentence.

It could happen to anyone.

This is the message Public Safety Officer Danny Booker was trying impress upon new members of Sigma Phi Epsilon at a live DUI demonstration.

To passersby, the arrest looked shockingly realistic: a fellow student getting busted driving after having chugged a few too many. But to members of the SigEp fraternity, this was merely a DUI simulation exercise and no one was actually arrested.

In light of widespread publicity about alcohol-related deaths in Greek organizations, members of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity decided to do something about it.

When the idea came to fraternity president Chad Stout, he saw it as an opportunity to show newly pledged members of the fraternity an up close look at what could happen when someone drinks and then decides to get behind the wheel.

"Lectures usually just go in one ear and out the other," said Stout. "I thought that if the guys could see the actual procedure, then they would understand the seriousness of drinking and driving."

After the simulation, Booker gave the presentation and passed out pamphlets dealing with the facts and figures of Tennessee's DUI's.

With statistics showing that more than 30,000 Tennesseans are convicted of DUI's each year, it is easy to see why Stout felt the issue needed to be brought to the fraternity's attention.

And, according to Booker, this method of DUI simulation seems to work well. "A lot of people aren't aware of the consequences involved with DUI's," remarked Booker. "And by witnessing a simulation, it seems the message has a greater impact."

Following Booker's presentation , Stout opened up a line of questioning in the hope that many new members' questions could be answered.

"I had no idea how serious and steep the fines are for a DUI charge," exclaimed Justin Davis, a new member of the SigEp fraternity. "I don't have that kind of money to throw away."

Other questions were raised during the session, such as how fraternities fared in terms of DUI's on campus. Booker replied that the Greek system had very few incidents involving drinking and driving on campus, while other groups of students who live on campus tend to have more.

According to the facts presented in the simulation, the consequences of a DUI are pretty severe. From all the consequence, possibly harming someone else, the outlook is bleak for a DUI offender.

And this is exactly the kind of message Stout had hoped would come across to the younger members of his fraternity. He has also planned follow-up simulations to be held in the spring involving lawyers and insurance agents who will reiterate the message.

At the end of the night , Stout explained the thoughts that were just beginning to sink into the minds of the young men of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"You are looking at a lot of trouble," Stout said, "for just a few drinks."

Battles Alcohol Abuse

Gregg Mayer and Susan McMahan

The tragic deaths of students across the country due to alcohol poisoning have spurred Greek Life and SGA to respond to the problem so that similar situations will not occur here.

All MTSU Greek organizations have risk management policies to help control situations and help students know how to respond in certain situations, said Victor Felts, director of Greek Life.

SGA responded by sponsoring speakers and helping the Greek organizations co-sponsor alcohol awareness projects, according to SGA President Ryan Durham.

But while efforts to promote alcohol abuse awareness, some campuses are fighting larger problems. Administrators at Louisiana State University thought they had done everything right, pushing through a campus-wide alcohol ban that covered fraternity and sorority houses.

Still, the school's wild reputation persisted with the school appearing on an annual list naming the nation's Top 10 "party schools."

In the fall, police were called to a fraternity house and found a dozen students passed out on the floor, some of whom had apparently celebrated bid to join Sigma Alpha Epsilon with heavy drinking.

One was dead. Three others were hospitalized. Similar incidents have occurred at Rutgers and other universities in recent years. Several years ago, an MTSU student was electrocuted when he urinated on a high voltage transformer. He reportedly had been at a party drinking.

The coroner said the 20-year-old student had a blood-alcohol level of 0.588 percent — nearly six times the legal limit for automobile drivers. Authorities said he apparently drank himself to death at an off-campus party and bar.

The student could have possibly had at least 24 drinks that night, the director of the local Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control said. He then returned to the fraternity where he was a pledge.

"What is frustrating is that there is no way to mange them [the students] off campus," LSU's Chancellor William Jenkins said when the death occurred. " It is difficult enough managing on campus."

Police at LSU said there was no evidence students were forced to drink as part of a hazing ritual.

"It's terrible something like that would go on ," said MTSU SAE chapter President Alex Miller.

He said his fraternity's strict risk management policies — such as monitoring all of the alcohol that enters the SAE house and restricting the number of people who attend SAE parties — helps to prevent a similar tragedy from occurring here.

"It hurts me inside," Miller said.

MTSU bans alcohol at fraternity houses during the week of Rush. After that, it is an "individual choice," said Durham.

"I don't think the Greek organizations here are anywhere close to that point," Durham said, explaining binge drinking and drugs are not as much a problem here as they are at some other universities.

"It is part of the university's responsibility to show how dangerous this kind of activity can be," Durham said.

After the student's death, the national headquarters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon suspended its LSU chapter, which has 130 members and recruits, and shut down pledge activities until and investigation was completed.

It was staggering blow to the university and also to fraternities, which have struggled for years with an "Animal House" perception of binge drinking and wild parties that sometimes in death.

Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Theta fraternities have decided to ban alcohol at chapter houses nationwide beginning in 2000.

Some universities already have banned alcohol at fraternities. Both MTSU chapters will comply with the national ban.

Last fall, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation chose six schools to take part in a $8.6 million program to curb binge drinking on and off campus. In April, the National Interfraternity Conference chose five colleges to test a fraternity and sorority conduct code that included a ban on alcohol.

Greek Life....

Whether participating in a philanthropic activity, sponsoring a campus event, participating in activities or having exceptional social events, MTSU Greeks are the backbone of campus life. Without our Greek brothers and sisters carrying the ball, much of Homecoming, student government and our campus pageants would never get off the ground. These photos from the past few years give a glimpse of what our Greek students do, the fun they have and how important they are for MTSU!

It's the Life to Be!

Shawn Sidwell

Jason Mazzo

Antony Boshie

In the *Middle* of it all

Sports

Chad Gillis

Blue Raider Football

Shawn Sidwell

Above: Senior tailback Lebrian McGill evades several defenders on his run to the end zone.

The Blue Raiders football team ended their season on a sour note. The final record was set at 4 wins 6 losses and 2 wins 5 losses in the Ohio Valley Conference. Overall the 1997 football team had some outstanding players. Senior tailback Lebrian McGill carried the ball137 times totaling 653 yards and 10 touchdowns. Sophomore tailback Kelverick Green had 102 carries with 575 total yards and 6 touchdowns. Senior quaterback Jonathan Quinn completed 167 out of 293 passes for 2,209 yards and 16 touchdowns. Quinn also rushed for 305 yards and 4 touchdowns. Defensively the Raiders had Sophomore Charlie Walker who lead the team with 50 tackles and tied with Junior Cedric Stegall in 3 interceptions each.

In the kicking field, Senior punter Brandon Thomas total yards were 1,716 averaging 40.9 yards per punt. Sophomore placekicker Keegan Ray hit 8 of14 field goal attempts. The lonbgest was for 52 yard against TSU.

Junior Gary Davis made 1st Team All Conference tight end and Jonathan Quinn made 2nd Team All Conference quarterback.

Angela Skala

Left: Junior Cedric Stegall and Junior Darrell Love battle hard against a Murray Racer opponent.

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Sept. 6	*Tennessee State University	L: 16-25
Sept. 13	UT Chattanooga	L: 24-33
Sept. 27	***Murry State**	**L: 17-35**
Oct. 4	**Jacksonville State (H.C.)**	**W: 27-16**
Oct. 11	*UT Martin	W: 37-24
Oct. 18	*Eastern Illinois	L: 17-30
Oct. 25	***SE Missouri**	**W: 55-6**
Nov. 8	**Austin Peay State University**	**W: 59-10**
Nov. 15	*Eastern Kentucky	L: 20-35
Nov. 23	*Tennessee Tech University	L: 20-30

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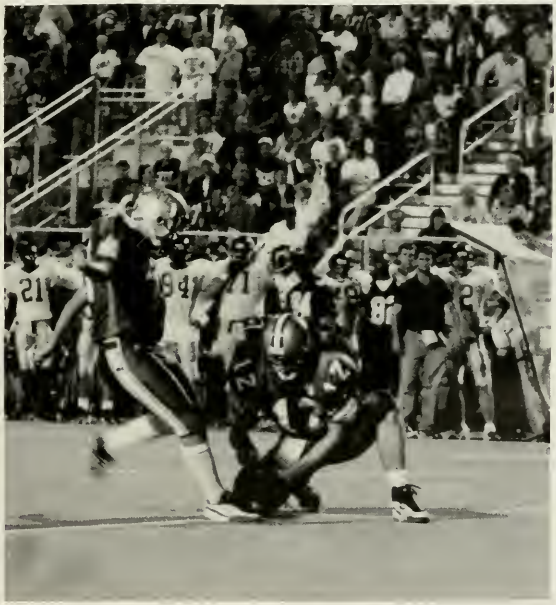

Steve Purinton

Above: Sophomore place- kicker Keegan Ray's field goal kick is good for the Blue Raiders.

Left: Sophomore Clay Griffin and Junior Terrell Neismith husltles to tackle a SEMO runningback.

LADY RAIDER SOCCER

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Above: Sophomore Shannon Broadwell, Freshman Makini Wall, Sophomore Yolanda Henderson, Freshman Morgan Guoan, and Sophomore Chrissy Payne charge the Georgia State forward as she goes to kick while Freshman keeper Jennifer Robb defends the goal.

The Lady Raider Soccer team headed into their second season with winning on their minds. The Lady Raiders won 6 games early in the season and then tapared off to end their season at 6 wins, 9 losses, and 5 ties. The 6 wins cames against Belmont, Jacksonville State, Montervallo, Troy State, and two against Tenn Tech.

The Lady Raider Soccer team have several key players. Sophomore Yolanda Henderson and Freshman Jaymie Windrow both had one winning goal each. Freshman Mackey Habisreitinger and Freshman Morgan Guoan both had two winning goals each. Habisreitinger ended the season with 59 shots and 8 goals. Other outstanding players for the Lady Raiders Soccer team are Freshman goal keeper Jennifer Robb who had 114 total saves. And Freshman Makini Wall who ended her first season with 43 shots and 5 goals.

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Above: Freshman Mackey Habisreitinger and Freshman Morgan Guoan go up for a header against the clueless opponent.

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Above: Freshman Mackey Habisreitinger dribbles furiously down the field.

Below: Freshman Carrie Sohrabi gets ready to boot the ball out of Lady Blue Raider territory.

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Sept. 3	Belmont University	W: 2-0
10	**U.T. Chattanooga**	**T: 1-1**
13	**Eastern Illinois	L: 0-5
17	Jacksonville State	W: 3-2
20	**Univ of Montevallo**	**W: 4-0**
21	**Univ of AL @ Huntsville**	**T: 0-0**
24	**Tennessee Tech**	**W: 3-0**
27	**Troy State**	**W: 2-0**
Oct. 1	**Tennessee Tech	W: 1-0
4	UNC-Ashville	L: 0 -5
5	Jacksonville	L: 0 -3
8	Univ of Tennessee	L: 0 -7
13	**Cumberland College**	**T: 1-1**
15	Carson Newman	L: 0-1
19	**Univ of Ark @ Little Rock**	**L: 0-4**
22	**Georgia State**	**L: 1-2**
25	East Tenn State University	L: 0-1
29	Samford University	T: 2-2
Nov. 1	Charleston Southern	L: 1-2
2	University of Charleston	T: 2-2

** Denotes Conference Games
Home Games In Bold

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Below: Brett Alexander goes for par on the ninth hole.

Left: Richard Spangler chips onto the green.

Golf Team Goes to First Tournament

by Keith Ryan Cartwright

Last year, the Blue Raider golf team was marked by youth and inconsistency.

However, going into their first tournament of the 1998 fall season, expectations are a bit higher this time around.

"We've got experience," head coach Johnny Moore said. "Now we've got to play."

Beginning Tuesday, the Raiders will be competing in the Precept Peach State Intercollegiate Golf Tournament hosted by Georgia State University. The last time the Raiders headed down to Conyers, Ga., and the Cherokee Run Golf Course, they finished a disappointing third from the last in the 16-team field.

This year's field will once again feature the likes of Central Florida, Georgia Southern, Memphis and South Alabama among others.

"It's time we step up and play these guys," Moore stressed. "Beat somebody we're not supposed to beat. We can't beat all of these teams, but we have to beat some of them-at least the schools that are our size."

Not knowing exactly what level of talent some of the other schools are returning with, Moore feels a finish in the top half of the field is a realistic outlook.

The Raiders will find out fast just how they stack up. The 54-hole tournament tees off Tuesday at 8 a.m. with two-rounds of action, capped off with the final round on Wednesday beginning at 8 a.m.

"My expectations are high," Moore said. "Everyone's been there. There's no excuses, we're just going to play."

The Raiders will be led by a trio of juniors-Brett Alexander, Richard Spangler and Javier Correa. The other two member of the traveling squad will be fifth-year senior Steve Ressler and sophomore Dane Randle.

Thus far Spangler has had what Moore characterized as a tremendous fall practice. In fact, Spangler out shot Alexander in the qualifying round to tearn the spot as the Raiders No.1 golfer.

"Richard has had a real good fall practice for us," Moore said. "And Brett will come through when we need him,"

Alexander, who combines a solid long game off the tees with good touch on the green, was the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year in 1997. The junior from Richland, Mo., will be called on by Moore to lead the Raiders out on the course this year.

"These guys are juniors now," Moore said. "They're going to have to step up."

Unfortunately, the Raiders will be without junior Whit Turnbow, who is out with an injured left shoulder. Taking his place is Randle. The young ster from Albany, Ga., showed signs of greatness during the spring portion of the Raiders schedule a year ago.

However, as much ability as the Raiders showed at times last year, they'll have to maintain their composure on a more consistent basis this year if they intend to reach their true potential.

1997-1998 Blue Raider Golf Season

Event	Rounds	Scores	Finish
Mizuno/Peach State Invitational	3	298-298-304=900	13th
Gunby Jordan Intercollegiate	3	297-302-302=901	12th
Kroger Intercollegiate	2	321-312=633	17th(t)
USA Fall Beach Classic	3	298-297-298=893	10th
Deep South Intercollegiate	3	313-317-306=936	15th
Bridges All-American	2	297-330=627	17th
USF/Ron Smith Invitational	3	289-280-299=868	6th
Matlock Collegiate Classic	3	301-306-303=909	18th
Alabama Spring Invitational	3	313-296-303=912	17th
Southern Junior/Senior	3	309-309-293=911	1st
OVC Championship	3	288-282-287=857	1st

Women's Tennis

	OVERALL	OVC
	23-6	9-0

Jan. 16	@Georgia	L 0-9
Jan. 24	^Miami (OH)	W 5-2
Jan. 24	^Western Michigan	W 4-3
Jan. 30	@Vanderbilt	L 0-7
Jan. 31	@Georgia Tech	L 5-2
Feb. 3	Alabama-Birmingham	W 6-2
Feb. 7	@Ball State	W 8-1
Feb. 13	@Mississppi State	L 1-8
Feb. 14	@SW Louisana	L 4-5
Mar. 1	Georgia Southern	W 7-2
Mar. 13	@Memphis	W 8-1
Mar. 14	$Furman	W 8-1
Mar. 20	@Auburn	W 6-3
Mar. 21	@South Alabama	L 1-8
Mar. 27	Louisville	W 6-3
Mar. 28	Arkansas State	W 5-4
Apr. 1	*@Tennessee-Martin	W 9-0
Apr. 1	*@Murray State	W 6-3
Apr. 4	Southeast Missouri	W 9-0
Apr. 4	Texas A&M	W 6-3
Apr. 5	*Morehead State	W 9-0
Apr. 5	*Eastern Kentucky	W 9-0
Apr. 5	*Tennessee State	W 6-1
Apr. 11	*@Austin Peay	W 9-0
Apr. 11	*#Eastern Illinois	W 9-0
Apr. 14	*Tennessee Tech	W 7-2
Apr. 17	%Morehead State	W 5-0
Apr. 18	%Tennessee-Martin	W 5-0
Apr. 19	%Murray State	W 5-2

* OVC Match
$ Memphis, Tenn.
# Clarksville, Tenn.
^ Bloomington, Ind.
% OVC Championship; Nashville, Tenn.

The Lady Raiders were on a mission during the 1998-99 season. With the intention of capturing the OVC Championships, the Lady Raiders sturggled through the season only to lose to Tennesse Tech and Austin Peay in the OVC Tounament.

1998 Blue Raider Softball Season

Overall: 26-28 **OVC: 12-8**

Date	Opponent	Results
2/21	@Samford	W 3-0/L 3-4
2/25	@Mississippi	L 2-3/W 12-5
2/27	#Troy State	W 1-0
2/27	#Southeast Louisiana	W 7-6
2/27	#Tennessee State	W 6-2
2/28	#Troy State	L 0-1
2/28	#Southeast Louisiana	L 2-4
2/28	#Tennessee State	W 5-0
2/28	#Troy State	W 5-3
3/3	@Austin Peay	L 1-2/ W 4-1
3/15	$Colgate	W 4-0
3/15	$Army	L 3-4
3/16	$Rider	W 4-3
3/16	$Vermont	L 1-2
3/17	$Cornell	W 2-0
3/17	$Wisconsin-Green Bay	L 2-4
3/20	*@Dartmouth	W 4-3
3/24	%Tennessee State	W 8-0/W 10-2
3/27	%New Mexico	L 2-10
3/27	%Mercer	L 3-4
3/28	%South Florida	L 2-6
3/28	%Alabama	L 3-4
4/1	*Tennessee-Martin	L 0-4/L 2-7
4/5	*@Eastern Illinois	L 0-3/L 3-4
4/6	*@Southeast Missouri	L 0-5/ L 1-4
4/9	*Tennessee State	W 3-2/W 9-1
4/11	*Morehead State	W 3-2/W3-1
4/12	*Eastern Kentucky	W 8-0/W2-1
4/14	Tennessee	L 5-6/L 3-7
4/15	*@Tennessee Tech	L 1-3/W 1-0
4/17	!!Georgia Southern	W 3-2
4/17	!!Belmont	W 6-0
4/21	@UT-Chattanooga	L 1-3/L 3-4
4/24	*@Eastern Kentucky	W 3-1/ W 4-3
4/25	*@Morehead State	L 0-1/W 2-1
4/27	Troy State	L 2-5/ L 1-5
5/2	*^Tennessee Tech	L 3-6
5/3	*^Austin Peay	L 3-4

* OVC Game
\# Troy State Tournament
$Rebel Games; Orlando, FL
% Georgia TechBuzz Classic
!! Frost Cutlery Tornament; Chattanooga, TN
^ OVC Tournament; Cape Girardeau, MO

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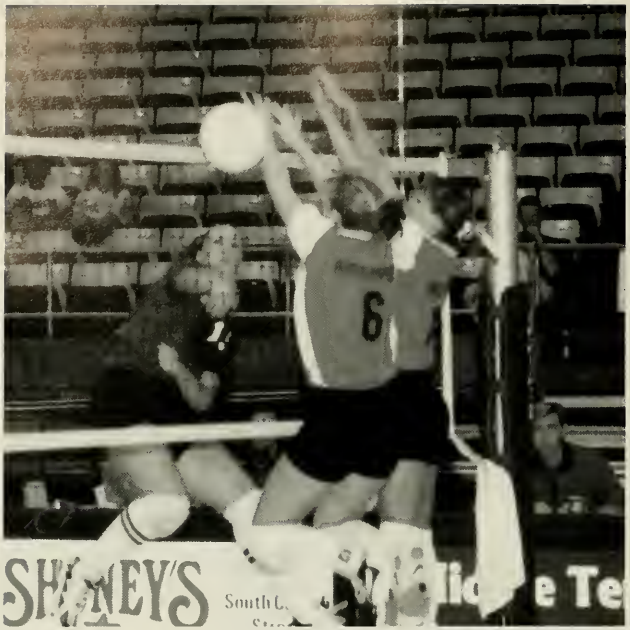

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Above: Senior Angie Venable comes down from a high after a good spike.

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Above: Senior Tara Miller listens to words of advice from Coach Kissee.

Celeste Castillo

Above: Freshman Lindsay Prichard and Sophomore Erin Schulz both go up to block the ball.

Lady Raider Volleyball

The Lady Raider Volleyball teams 1997 season was not what they had expected. Coach Lisa Kissee commented that she expected "more output" than what she received. The team ended the season with 11 wins 23 losses overall and 5 wins 13 losses in the Ohio Valley Conference.Several players were awarded All Tournament at several games. Senior Nidza Castillo received the All Tournament award for the Chattanooga match. Sophomore Erin Schulz received the award at the Ohio match, and Senior Tara Miller received the award at the Southwest Missouri match.

Individually statistics show the hard work that the Lady Raider Volleyball team put in. Senior Tara Miller lead with 408 total kills, Sophomore Erin Schools had 394 digs, and Senior Jaemi Clayton had 569 attacks.

At the end of each season Coach Kissee and the team decides on several individual awards. Most Valuable Player went to Senior Jaemi Clayton, Outstanding Newcomer went to Junior Carrie Kapfenberg, and Outstanding Oldcomer went to Senior Angie Parkinson. The Heart Award was rewarded to Senior Angie Venable, and the Rock Award went to Jaemi Clayton.

Aug.	30.	Chattanooga	W: 3 -1
	30.	Tennessee	L: 0 - 3
	31.	Tennessee Tech	L: 1 - 3
	31.	East Tennessee	W: 3 - 0
Sept.	12.	Kentucky	L: 0 - 3
	13.	Ohio	L: 2 - 3
	13.	James Madison	L: 0 - 3
	16.	**Tennessee State**	**W: 3 -1**
	18.	**Southeast Missouri**	**L: 0 - 3**
	20.	Western Illinois	W: 3 - 1
	20.	St. Louis	W: 3 - 2
	23.	Western Kentucky	W: 3 - 0
	24.	**Eastern Illinois**	**L: 0 - 3**
	30.	**Austin Peay**	**L: 2 - 3**
Oct.	**3.**	**Morehead State**	**W: 3 - 2**
	4.	**Eastern Kentucky**	**W: 3 - 1**
	7.	**Tennessee Tech**	**L: 0 - 3**
	10.	**Murray State**	**L: 0 - 3**
Oct.	**11.**	**Tennessee-Martin**	**W: 3 - 2**
	14.	Alabama	L: 1 - 3
	17.	Syracuse	L: 2 - 3
	18.	SW Missouri State	L: 2 -3
	18.	Wichita State	L: 0 - 3
	21.	**Tennessee State**	**W: 3 - 0**
	25.	**Eastern Illinois**	**L: 0 - 3**
	26.	**Southeast Missouri**	**L: 0 - 3**
	28.	**Austin Peay**	**L: 0 - 3**
	31.	**Tennessee-Martin**	**L: 1 - 3**
Nov.	**1.**	**Murray State**	**L: 0 - 3**
	7.	**Eastern Kentucky**	**L: 2 - 3**
	8.	**Morehead State**	**L: 1 - 3**
	11.	**Tennessee Tech**	**L: 2 - 3**
	21.	Eastern Kentucky	W: 3 - 0
	21.	Tennessee Tech	L: 1 - 3

Denotes Ohio Valley Conference Game

Blue Raider Basketball

Antony Boshier

Above: Sophomore Freddie Martinez's "IN YOUR FACE" dunk.

Above: Junior Ali McGhee shoots for 3.

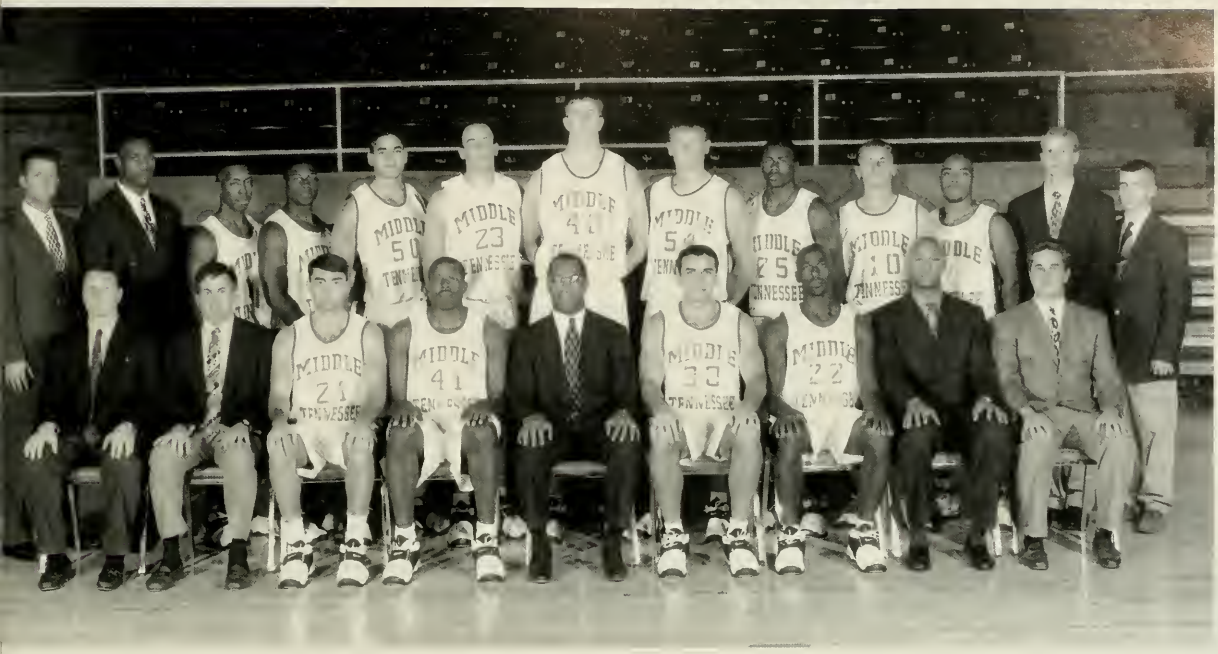
The Blue Raider Basketball team had an disappointing season ending, but never the less it was an exciting season. The Raiders started out strong losing 4 out of 21 games. However, later in the year that the winning streak started to taper off. In the next nine games, the Raiders only won four. With hustle and good team work, the Blue Raiders won the first round of the OVC Tourament, but failed to advance after losing to Tennessee State in the Semi-finals round. A disappointing loss for the Blue Raiders, especially for the Seniors who had expected to go all the way.

The Blue Raiders consisted of several outstanding players, but several stole the spotlight. Senior Forward Aylton Tesch who made 109 of 225 field goals and a total of 226 rebounds and made All-OVC First Team and All-Tournament. Senior Center Mantia Callender hit 63 out of 127 field goal attempts and had 161 rebounds, both offensively and defensively. Junior Guard Kent Ayer excelled in Free throw shooting, hitting 43 out of an attempted 53 shots. Also, Sophomore Freddie Martinez received an Honorable Mention.

Overall the Raiders were able to work together to get the job done.They ended the season with a 19-8 overall record and 12-6 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Antony Boshier

1997-1998 Blue Raider Basketball Team



Nov. 14	No. Carolina	L: 56-84	Feb. 7	*SE Missouri	L: 76-85
Nov. 20	Belmont	W:58-38	Feb. 12	*Austin Peay	L: 69-73
Nov. 24	Chattanooga	W: 87-68	Feb. 14	*Tenn State	L: 76-81
Nov. 29	N.C. A&T	W: 75-64	Feb. 19	*Eastern Kent.	W: 54-55
Dec. 6	*Tennessee Tech	W: 67-48	Feb. 21	*Morehead	W: 74-61
Dec. 13	Kansas	L: 68-103		OVC Tournament	
Dec. 18	Carson-Newman	W: 70-54	Feb. 24	Eastern Kent	W: 61-49
Dec. 22	Erskine	W: 74-40		OVC Semi-finals Round	
Dec. 30	Presbyterian	W: 60-42	Feb. 27	Tenn State	L: 74-70
Jan. 3	*Murray State	W: 76-71			
Jan. 5	*UT Martin	W: 66-46	*denotes OVC Games		
Jan. 8	*Eastern Illinois	L: 74-85			
Jan. 10	*SE Missouri	W: 70-55			
Jan. 13	*Tennessee State	W: 80-60			
Jan. 15	*Austin Peay	W: 63-83			
Jan. 17	*Tennessee State	W: 67-57			
Jan. 22	*Eastern Kentucky	W: 96-89			
Jan. 24	*Morehead State	W: 77-64			
Jan. 29	*Murray State	L: 75-78			
Jan. 31	*UT Martin	W: 78-54			
Feb. 5	*Eastern Illinois	W: 67-65			

Lady Raider Basketball

One word that would describe the Lady Raiders season is MAGIC. They had an unusual start winning every other game, then winning two and losing one, winning three and losing a couple, winning four and losing a couple; however, the Lady Raiders pulled through and won the Ohio Valley Conference Championship on hard work and dedication that goes along with playing a college sport. Their hard work is displayed even during their losses. Several Lady Raider losses were only in 3 point range which shows that they fought until the very end.

The Lady Raiders proved themselves worthy of the OVC Championship title under first year head coach Stephany Smith,nine returning seniors, and three strong freshmen. Freshman Guard Kelly Chastain hit 48 of 65 free throws, 89 rebounds, and hit 40 three-pointers; Freshman Joanne Aluka lea the team with 179 rebounds, averaging 6 per game. Junior forward Cyndi Ainsworth made 17 of 25 free throws and had 58 rebounds; Junior Teneka Burrell 143 of 286 field goals, 176 robounds, and 53 of 71 free throws; and Senior Guard Tanika Smith averaged 5.3 rebounds per game. Several Lady Raiders were chosen for the All-OVC basketball teams. Junior Bama Burrell made the Honorable Mention list; Kelly Chastain and Joanne Aluka made the All-Freshman team; OVC Freshman of the Year was Joanne Aluka; OVC Tournament Most Valuable Player was Junior Bama Burrell; and OVC All-Tournament went to Junior Carlita Elder.

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1997-1998 Lady Raider Basketball Team

Nov. 15	Ole Miss	L: 60-61
Nov. 20	Belmont:	W: 65:60
Nov. 22	Cincinnati	L: 61-81
Nov. 29	Montevallo	W: 87-67
Dec 5	Xavier	L: 62-78
Dec.6	UNLV	W: 85-82
Dec.14	Memphis	L: 75-102
Dec. 29	UAB	W: 65-41
Jan. 3	*Murray State	W: 67-56
Jan. 5	*Tennessee-Martin	L: 32-57
Jan. 7	*Tennessee Tech	W: 59-56
Jan. 10	*Southeast Missouri	W: 89-71
Jan. 12	*Eastern Illinois	L: 53-66
Jan. 14	*Tennessee Tech	L: 55-74
Jan. 17	*Tennessee State	W: 76-74
Jan. 19	*Austin Peay	W: 66-43
Jan. 24	*Morehead State	W: 99-77
Jan. 26	*Eastern Kentucky	L: 79-80
Jan. 31	*Tennessee-Martin	L: 71-83
Feb. 2	*Murray State	W: 62-49
Feb. 7	*Southeast Missouri	W: 95-67
Feb. 9	*Eastern Illinois	W: 79-75
Feb. 14	*Tennessee State	W: 80-78
Feb. 16	*Austin Peay	L: 65-80
Feb. 19	*Eastern Kentucky	L: 61-83
Feb. 21	*Morehead State	W: 91-54
	OVC Tournment	
Feb. 24	*Eastern Illinois	W: 73-60
	OVC Semi-Finals	
Feb. 28	*Eastern Kentucky	W: 72-62
	OVC Finals	
Mar. 1	*Tennessee-Matrin	W: 59-58
	NCAA West Region	
Mar. 14	Duke	L: 67-92

*denotes OVC Games

Chad Gillis

Chad Gillis

Above: Junior Teneka Burrell stands up to face her contenders for another 3 pointer.

Left: Junior Cortney Neeley shoots for 3.

Below: Coach Steve Peterson comes to the mound to conference with pitcher Justin Links and catcher Josh Pride.

1998-99 Blue Raider Baseball Team

1998 Blue Raider Season

Overall: 17-33 **OVC: 9-14**

Date	Opponent	Result
2/20	Illinois State	W 5-2
2/21	Illinois State	W 7-6
2/27	Northwestern State	L 3-4
2/28	Centenary	L 5-11
3/1	Southwest Missouri	L 7-11
3/3	UA-Birmingham	L 7-15
3/4	UA-Birmingham	L 13-15
3/7	*Tennessee Tech	L 5-14
3/7	*Tennessee Tech	L 4-5
3/8	*Tennessee Tech	L 10-17
3/12	Butler	L 2-8
3/12	Butler	W 5-1
3/14	*Eastern Kentucky	W 8-1
3/14	*Eastern Kentucky	W 5-3
3/15	*Eastern Kentucky	W 1-13
3/17	Evansville	L 6-11
3/18	Evansville	L 12-9
3/22	*Eastern Illinois	L 2-3
3/22	*Eastern Illinois	L 8-18
3/24	Memphis	L 2-11
3/25	Memphis	L 12-18
3/28	*UT-Martin	L 6-8
3/28	*UT-Martin	W 11-8
3/29	*UT-Martin	W 16-8
3/30	Belmont	W 10-2
4/1	Vanderbilt	L 10-13
4/4	Indiana State	L 5-7
4/5	Indiana State	L 0-6
4/7	Jacksonville State	W 12-10
4/9	Tennessee	L 15-5
4/10	*Austin Peay	W 6-2
4/10	*Austin Peay	W 4-2
4/11	*Austin Peay	L 2-4
4/14	Memphis	W 17-10
4/15	Memphis	W 19-9
4/18	*Southeast Missouri	L 9-10
4/18	*Southeast Missouri	W 10-7
4/19	*Southeast Missouri	L 4-8
4/21	Jacksonville State	L 4-10
4/22	Tennessee	L 5-7
4/23	Western Kentucky	L 4-5
4/25	*Morehead State	L 2-7
4/25	*Morehead State	W 10-0
4/26	*Morehead State	L 7-9
4/27	Belmont	L 0-11
4/28	Vanderbilt	L 6-12
5/2	*Murray State	L 9-14
5/2	*Murray State	L 0-3
5/3	*Murray State	W 9-5
5/5	UA-Birmingham	L 4-16

*** - OVC games**

After a disappointing finish in 1998, te Blue Raiders began the season with a quest to gain the OVC title in 1999. With two wins against Illinois State to start off the season the Raiders began to dream of the title. However, the two wins were followed by a nine game losing streak. The Raiders wrapped up the season with a record of seventeen wins and thirty-three losses.

"You win championships with pitching and defense."

Coach Peterson

Top and Left: The Blue Raider team counted on the strength and talent of pitchers to pull them through the long season.

Left: MTSU tries to catch an opposing player.

David McNamara
'Australian for Athlete'

by Jennie Treadway

He's the 1998 OVC Player of the Year, ranked 15th in the ITA poll with his doubles partner Julius Robberts and dreams of playing in Wimbledon.

"I've been serious about tennis since I was about 11 or 12 years old," said David McNamara, senior exercise science major. "My whole family plays tennis."

As the son of a tennis coach and the oldest sibling of three tennis players, the McNamara family supported his decision to answer tennis coach Dale Short's request to come to MTSU and play tennis.

He doesn't write home to his parent in Melbourne, Australia, often, but they have encouraged him all the way.

"They're really supportive," David said, sitting on a picnic table outside the tennis courts. "My whole family is into sports."

As captain of his tennis team in high school, David had every desire to come to the U.S. and play college tennis. However, he had no idea he would wind up in Tennessee, much less Murfreesboro.

"I thought about going to Alabama, but I ended up here," David said. "And I love it. I don't regret it at all."

According to David, the Blue Raider tennis team is like a family. Not only are they teammates and friends on the court, a close relationship exists off the court, as well. He even lives with two of his teammates, Anthony DeLuise and Belal Hamadeh.

David and Anthony, another Melbourne native, have known each other for about six years. In fact, Anthony is the one who carried David's nickname, 'Wacky,' from high school to college.

"I got the name a long time ago—I guess I just 'whack' the ball around in a way that made people start calling me 'Whack' and "Whacky," David laughs. "I guess it just stuck. I even answer the phone as Wacky."

On the court, David puts every effort into winning. In the beginning of his college career, his goal was to be OVC Player of the Year. That's one goal he can mark off the list.

"I've gotten a lot of satisfaction out of the way I've played," said David, staring at the courts in front of him. "I've gotten better and better every year."

David said Coach Short has been more than what he expected in a coach, as far as encouragement is concerned.

"He's been a coach, friend, and father to each of us," said David. "I mean, most of us are foreigners, so he's been a big help to all of us."

David went All-OVC in 1996 and 1997, which gives his record a nice foundation to build on. As champion of the 1997 Reebok/ITA All-American in doubles with Julius Robberts, David has only one direction to head: up.

"Julius and I have gotten really close in the past few years," said David. "He wants to stick around and work on his master's, but I want to play tennis while I still can."

And play he does.

David has been known to spend his summers in other countries competing in local tournaments. One summer, he and Anthony made a spur-of-the-moment decision to travel to France and test their talents on foreign land.

"I called my parents one day and said I'd be calling them that summer from either Murfreesboro or France," said David, who shortly afterward found himself and his teammate in Nice whacking around a tennis ball.

As an exercise science major, David thinks about going back to Australia as a sports promoter. That is, after he plays tennis a little longer.

"Sports aren't that big in Australia. I mean, we don't have big stadiums like this back home," he said, pointing to MTSU's almost-finished football stadium.

Men's Tennis

OVERALL OVC

14-11 / 7-0

Jan. 31	@Wake Forest	W 5-2
Mar. 6	!Texas Tech	L 2-2
Mar. 7	!Washington	L 2-4
Mar. 7	!Virginia Tech	L 0-4
Mar. 8	!Ball State	W 4-0
Mar. 13	Louisville	L 2-5
Mar. 17	@UAB	ppd.
Mar. 20	#UNLV	L 1-5
Mar. 21	#Auburn	L 2-5
Mar. 22	#UAB	L 3-4
Mar. 29	*@Tennessee-Martin	W 7-0
Mar. 29	*@Murray State	DNP
Mar. 31	UTC/ Belmont	ppd.
Apr. 3	@Georgia Tech	W 4-3
Apr. 4	^VA Commonwealth	L 3-4
Apr. 5	*Morehead State	W 7-0
Apr. 5	*Eastern KY	W 6-1
Apr. 5	*Tennessee State	W 7-0
Apr. 6	Tulane	W 6-1
Apr. 8	@Vanderbilt	L 0-4
Apr. 10	South Alabama	L 3-4
Apr. 11	*Eastern Illinois	W 7-0
Apr. 11	*@Austin Peay	W 5-0
Apr. 14	*Tennessee Tech	L 7-0
Apr. 17	%Morehead State	L 6-0
Apr. 18	%Eastern KY	W 4-0
Apr. 19	%Austin Peay	W 4-0
Apr. 26	@Mississippi	L 2-5

* OVC Match
! HEB Invitational; Corpus Christi, Texas
National Tire Blue-Gray; Montgomery, Alabama
% OVC Championships; Nashville, Tennessee
^ Atlanta, Georgia

The Blue Raider Tennis team had a dream season in 1997. MTSU placed two singles players and two doubles teams in the NCAA Championships and was ranked as high as number four in the country during the season. With the sky as the limit, the Raiders opened the 1998 season with a rank of 18 in the Rolex Collegiate Rankings. Also ranked were singles players Anothny DeLuise, 9th and David McNamara, 82. The Duo of McNamara and Julius Robberts were ranked second in the doubles category. The Raiders went on to claim the OVC Championship with a record of 7-0.

Caving in Tennessee

Jenny Treadway / staff

I came out Southport Cave with only one scratch and a few bruises. The others suffered about the same. To tell you the truth, it was worth it.

A group of students participated in a day-long caving excursion this year, one of the Recreation Center's Outdoor Pursuits adventure trips. It was to Southport Cave in Maury County, Tenn., and was led by adventure directors Steven Jones and Jay Frain.

The adventure began in Murfreesboro when Steven informed the group that we would be making an unexpected stop before going to the cave.

After buying mini-flashlights, extra batteries and gloves, our group of 11 cavers was on its way to Maury County in the Rec. Center van, otherwise know as the "Big Rig."

The cave is owned by Buddy Baldwin and Mark Dunnavant, who own the surrounding land and are in the process of having the cave surveyed and mapped. Over the past several years, more than 2,000 feet of the cave have been surveyed.

The cave was a salt-peter mine used for making gun powder during the Civil-War. There are a few names and dates on the walls of the cave that served as remnants of the war.

Once out of the van, we immediately bundled up to ward off the strong winds. Since we were at the higher elevation, the temperature was a bit colder than it was on campus earlier that morning.

"OK, the first thing you want to do is watch for bats," Buddy said after welcoming us to the grounds. "They're sleeping."

The cave bats, which are not bigger than the size of a thumb, are in hibernation and cannot be disturbed. It would be difficult for them to find food and survive throughout the rest of the winter.

With that in mind, we entered the cave around 11 a.m. and were cautious to watch for what was hanging above our heads, not to mention that cave rats that might be scurrying around.

None of us, except for Steven and Jay, had been caving before. However, no one was lagging behind.

The cave was chilly, muggy and by far, not easy to explore. Within the first 10 feet, we were on our knees crawling through the iron grate that led to the depths of the cave. That was the first clue that would return a dirty muddy mess. Our headlamps were our only light source and our clothes protected us from any major scraps and scratches.

"Feel free to explore any part of the cave you want to, but you must go in groups of three," Steven warned us. "If one gets hurt, then there's one to stay and one to go get help."

The group ended up staying together, although some moved a little faster than others. There is no way to get dangerously lost since the cave has a circular design. There are plenty of holes and tunnels to explore, but the group never split up or lost its sense of adventure. We were in this trip together.

There was a small crack in the cave's wall that led to a greater room with stalagmites and stalagmites from top to bottom. The crack was about the width of a human body, so the only way to the other side was to take off our backpacks, crawl on our bellies and wiggle through.

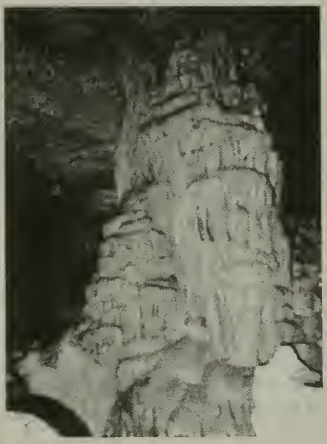
Needless to say, the bravest of the brave went through. Three of us waited restfully for the group to return.

By noon, the group was getting hungry and a few of us had drank too much water to crawl any further in comfort . The daylight took a moment of getting used to after being in utter darkness for over and hour, but the air smelled fresh and the sun felt warm. We were ready for a small break.

Before long we crawled back inside for another excursion. There were parts where teamwork and strength were all that could pull us through the cracks and holes of Southport Cave. The dirtier and sweatier we got, the more eager we were to go farther.

However, the time finally came when exhaustion was setting in and we had crept through the last part of the cave that we could. Before leaving for home, we took a moment to turn off our headlamps and flashlights . For the last few minutes, we were silent and in complete darkness.

I believe that's when we all understood the adventure we had just been on. Not only had we explored an extraordinary creation of this earth, but we exerted ourselves to limits we never expected.



MTSU's Moosemen

The MTSU rugby team recently made a good showing at the SECC Tournament this spring, finishing just one win away from making the sweet sixteen.

"We showed that we could play with the top teams in the South," head coach March Williams said.

After a slow start in the quarter-finals, MTSU won over North Carolina State 36-31. It was a close game unil the Moosemen took control at the half.

Despite several penalties on part of the Moosemen, they were able to stay ahead in the game.

The Wolfpack was better than expected, but Todd Shorter's second try of the day made the difference, as the clock hit the end of regulation.

Another close game for the Moosemen of MTSU was the semi-final match-up with the Florida Gators.

The game proved to be a defensive battle with MTSU winning the upper hand and stalling Florida several times in running out the clock for the win.

The game was a fast one—the first half ended 6-3 Moosemen. The Florida defense was strong, but MTSU came out the winner at 11-6.

MTSU met Clemson in the finals for a chance to advance to the sweet sixteen.

The Moosemen held off early-game jitters and scored the first goal when Wes Barnes made a nice run for the score.

With less than a minute left in the half Clemson capitolized on a mishandled scrum in which they scored a try and conversion. It proved to be enough to win, 18-17.

"This group had made tremendous progress and the assistant coaches are extremely proud of the success of this year's team," Williams said.

The team does not have any seniors and expectations for next year remain high.

Cheerleading

The Blue Raider Cheerleading squad is a familiar face among the crowds at the Middle Tennesse football and basketball games. Cheerleading does not only consist of tumbling, flipes, and smiles, but there is much more. Both the Blue and the White Squads spend many hours of vigourous traing to perfect the cheers that they perform at MTSU sports events.The Blue Squad cheers at all football games and the men's basketball games and the White Squad cheers at all home football games and the women's basketball games.
Accompaining them is Ole Blue who will be retiring this year. Preceeding him will be the winged horse, LIGHTINING.

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Above: Members from the Blue and White squad cheer on the Raiders at a basketball game against Tennessee State.

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Left: The Blue Squad performs a cheer with former mascot Ole Blue.

The Blue Squad

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The White Squad

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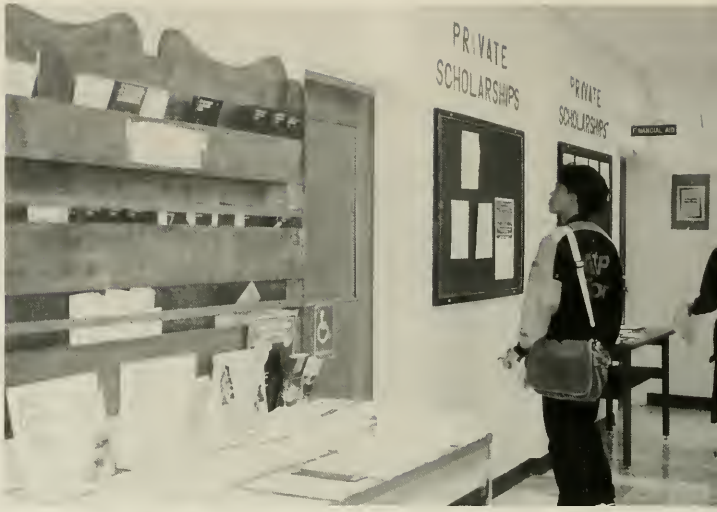
Nicole Lester and Eric Edmondson hand out shaker poms to the Blue Raider fans.

A student looks at the scholarship board to see if there are any new listings.



Students and facuty hurry to class under umbrellas during one of this year's numerous showers.

Students line up at the Financial Aid to apply for assitance and have their questions answered.

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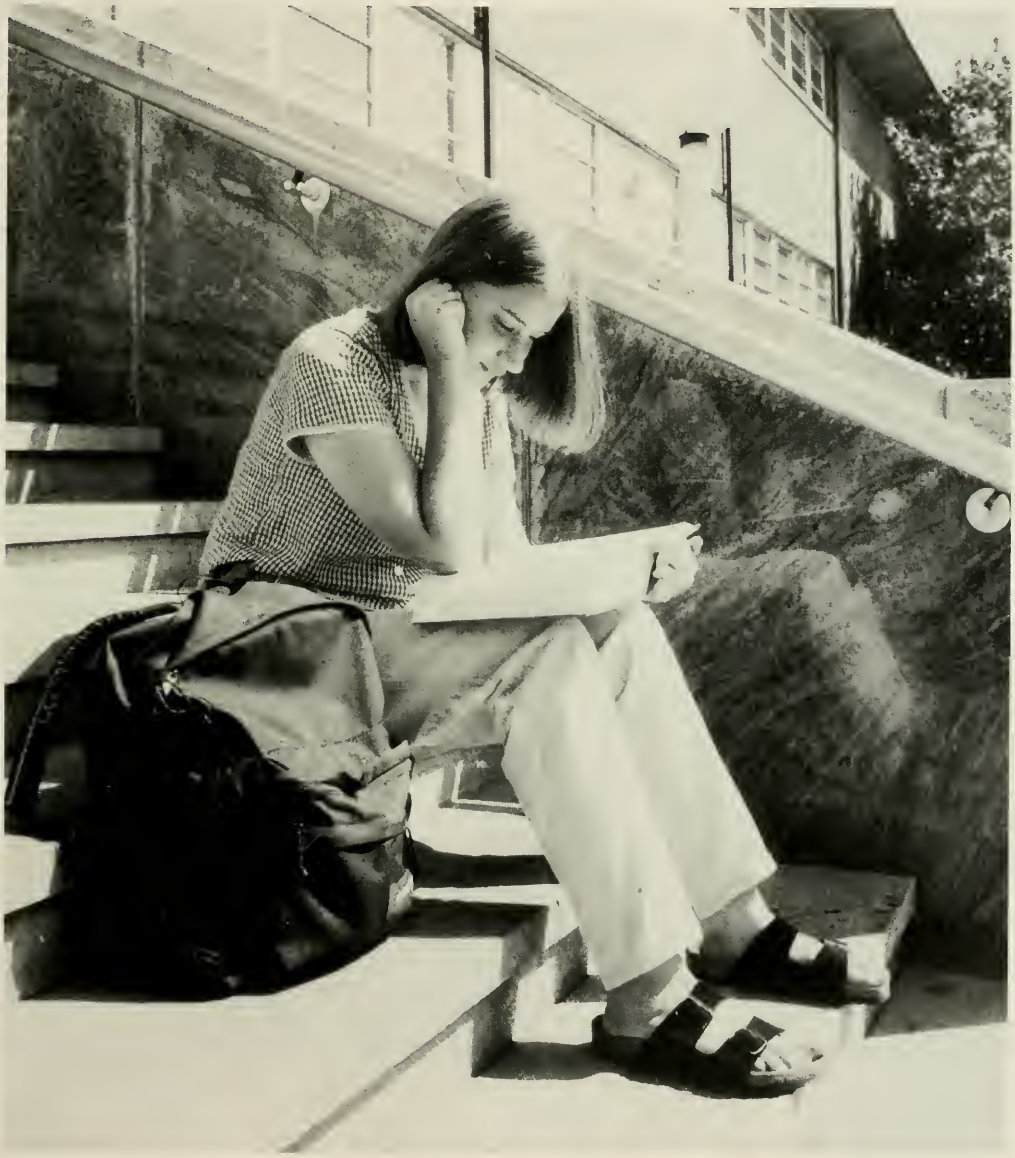

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President Walker walks down the sidelines during halftime after commemorating American veterans.

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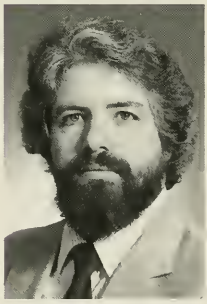

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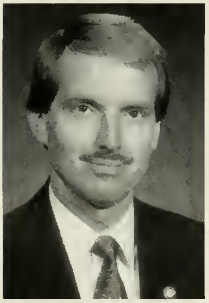

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Left: A couple of students take time between classes to study.

Right: ROTC Student Gentry is commemorated for his skills by his senior officer.

Left: WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO FINISH? Students still wait for the completion of the new University Library.

Right: A Financial Aid representative gives a student a hand in filling out some forms.

Planning the Academic Future of MTSU

Committee Completes rough draft of MTSU's Academic Master Plan

by Gregg Mayer

A task force of about 30 people completed a draft of an Academic Master Plan that will generally outline improvements for and explain the potential development of the university over the next 15 years.

"This has been the top goal of Academic Affairs for the past year," said Barbara Haskew, vice president of Academic Affairs, who submitted the Master Plan to President Walker. "It will be our goal for a number of years to come."

Haskew said three principals hold the plan together and give a broad, written direction to the growth and development of the university: to recognize the impact this university has on the Southeast; to deepen the quality of education at the university whether there is growth in enrollment or not; and to create a "student-centered learning environment."

"The future of the university should be driven by the academic program," Haskew said, adding that the focus of the academic program "should be appropriate for this region."

The Academic Master Plan will be implemented in stages, some improvements beginning this fall - like searching for increased funding for the library and bringing in more regional industry to help with co-op and intern programs - and others to be implemented over the next several years.

One of the areas, Haskew cited, of the university's regional strength is education. "There is an impressive need for new teachers," she said, explaining MTSU has the largest teacher-prep program in Tennessee.

Barbara Haskew, Vice President of Academic Affairs

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The Master Plan will change several times over the next few years, she said, but the fact that the university is heading in a specific direction is better than not heading in one at all. She credits President Walker with having "the vision" of the Master Plan, and credits the task force for completing it in just under a year.

"We can't plan for all things," she said. "But we know where we are going."
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Solaraider Misses Cut

Susan McMahan

Tennessee's only entry in Sunrayce 97, a solar-car race held in late June, did not get to compete because of a misunderstandin with officials.

According to Basavapatna Sridhara, Solaraider faculty adviser, the car was being tested on size, mechanics and engineering. But during a test of the brakes, the car was unable to stop from a speed of 25 mph in a time of 2.5 seconds.

The team was told to return the car the next day to test the car again. But when they arrived at the race track, they discovered the judges had left.

Jeff Allbritten, associate dean of Basic and Applied Sciences, said that the Solaraider solar array was judged one of the best in competition.

Allbritten said Sridhara and the seven team members participating in the 1,200-mile race from Indianapolis to Colorado Springs were not told about the cutoff testing time when they registered on Sunday.

Sunrayce 97 officials told the MTSU team, which was the only entry in the race from Tennessee, that the time was posted on the event's web page, Allbritten said.

Allbritten said MTSU was not the only school who was not allowed to test. Three other schools, including the University of Toronto, were told they had missed the testing deadline.

Sridhara said that there were only 36 competitors in the race, instead of the 40 cars that were planned.

The team showed a "high degree of class under the circumstances," said Allbritten.

"Race officials were not going to allow them to even qualify," said Allbritten.

Sridhara said the team was "really frustrated" when the found out they would not be allowed to qualify for the race.

"Our car was running well," said Sridhara. "All we needed was a few more minutes."

The Solaraider team wanted to race their car along with the other Sunrayce entries, but were told that they could not by Sunrayce 97 officials.

Allbritten said the team, which had spent two years building and preparing the car for the race, decided to test the car about a mile behind the competing teams.

"We wanted to be sure our car could run the distance," Sridhara said, adding that the team followed the same route and faced the same weather conditions as the other teams.

The team raced the Solaraider from Indianapolis to Terre Haute, Ind., where they stopped to camp with the other race teams.

During the 65 mile trip, the car reached speeds varying from 20 to 50 mph.

Sridhara said the next morning the Solaraider team was "actively discouraged" by Sunrayce officials from continuing the race, and they decided not to finish the race.

The Solaraider team plans to compete in the next Sunrayce, which will be held in two years.

Sunrayce 97 was the second time a Solaraider was entered in the race.

The first Solaraider was entered in Sunrayce 95.

Unlike the first Solaraider MTSU entered, the second Solaraider can be entered in the next Sunrayce instead of the team building a new vehicle. Sridhara said that the team will improve the car and test it in all possible ways before entering it in the next race.

Sridhara said the Solaraider team is "devastated" because they have to wait two years for the next race. He said the team went 70 hours without sleep and skipped many meals in the week before the race.

"We appreciate what they've done," Sridhara said. "Right now, they need all the encouragement they can get."

The race is sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Energy and General Motors.

According to Matthew Petre, a computer science major of Fulton, Miss., the car was entirely student built except for the motor, batteries and the solar pans.

The Solaraider weighs about 900 pounds is 19 feet long and is more than six feet wide.

Petre worked on the car's electronics, helping to install the meters that measure the car's power.

In addition to Sridhara and Petre, the team consists of Dr. Saleh Sbenaty, faculty adviser, Eli Bowe, Jeff Jorge, Kevin Redington, Ronald Hall, Richard Pham, Bryan Smythia, Gene Dominy, Sean Luckett, Bryan Meadows, Christin Ford, Shea Curry, Tiffany Curry and William Dudley

MTSU's STARMAN

Astronomy Professor Jay White searches at home and abroad for the keys to unlocking the universe... and mankind's connection to it

Adam Smith

"Perpetually fluid and ephemeral, these presents, scribblings and notions are joyfully submitted for your entertainment and education."

That's the greeting one receives when visiting "Jay's Spot," the home page of astronomy professor Jay White, and it is an appropriate introduction to such a dynamic personality.

Whether he's trekking to South America on an observing run, lecturing to a class about the cosmos, or listening to the wail of a tenor sax in his office, White enjoys his work to the fullest.

Born and raised in Lincoln County, Tenn., White discovered his love of astronomy at an early age, taking his telescope out to the fields near his home to look at the night sky.

"I knew when I was 8 years old that this was what I wanted to do," White said.

But a career in astronomy didn't come right away. After receiving a B.S .in physics from Birmingham-Southern College in Alabama, White spent six months working with a machine intelligence group at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He then went to Colorado to obtain his master's degree, but found the pull of adventure too great, and took a year off to go climbing, backpacking and cross country skiing in the Rocky Mountains.

Following his brief leave from school, White spent two years working as a physicist for Hughes Aircraft Co. He then returned to school, earning his Ph.D. in Astronomy from Indiana University in Bloomington in 1993.

It was also in 1993 that White came to MTSU, accepting a teaching position in the physics department. This position provides him with a base from which he can conduct his astronomical research, a valuable commodity in a field that is so difficult to break into.

"There are less than 10,000 astronomers in the world," White says. "And the United States has the lion's share of them."

One reason for the low number of astronomers is the misconception that physics and astronomy are separate sciences, White says.

"I get about one student a month who comes up to me and says, 'I want to go into astronomy.' And I tell them, 'OK, you have to go take these physics classes.' And they say, 'No, I don't want physics, I just want to study astronomy.' But that's what astronomy is, it's astrophysics."

Outside the classroom, White continues to work tirelessly as an astronomer, researching through observational investigations and theoretical studies questions such as, "Where does the iron found in the cosmos and in our own bodies come from?"

One of his primary focuses is the study of "active" systems, particularly those that are experiencing novae or supernovae.

"I like things that explode," he says.

"We have this idea that what we do is separate and distinct from the greater community... but we're embedded in it. The greater community funds and drives our research. If people weren't interested in the nighttime sky, we wouldn't have the Hubble Space Telescope."

Writing plays a large role in White's work. He has written and cowritten a number of articles for scientific journals, and contributes to a regular column in the magazine of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. This column has grown into another project, a book focusing on the nature of science. He also writes a monthly column for the "Daily News Journal."

His career also gives him the opportunity to travel. In the summer of 1996, White visited Australia, New Zealand and Fiji on an observation run to the southern hemisphere.

Last summer, he again ventured south, to spend a week making observations in Chile, where viewing conditions were ideal for the southern hemisphere, White said. Although the effects of El Nino made observing the system difficult, he was able to gather data on two other systems. He also explored another of his interests: archaeoastronomy.

White's jaunt through South America continued into Bolivia, Peru and Patagonia. He visited Machu Picchu, the site of an ancient Incan observatory in Peru, and explored several other Incan and pre-Incan ruins. Another leg of his journey brought him to the Yucatan Peninsula, to visit the civilizations of the Maya .

"We take so much for granted in industrialized nations, as far as the scientific infrastructure," he says.

Astronomy isn't White's only love. He also sketches and dabbles in jazz, in addition to his writing.

Astronomy Professor Jay White

Do Aliens Exist?

For Professor David Lavery, the truth is out there.

Susan McMahan

For David Lavery, the truth is out there.

Lavery, a professor of English, co-edited a book published in 1996 titled "Deny All Knowledge: Reading 'The X-Files'" along with English professor Angela Hague and English adjunct professor Marla Cartwright.

"It seemed natural that I would do a book on it," he said. "I didn't want to do it all myself because I was chair of the English department at the time."

So he enlisted the help of Hague, an expert on alien abduction and flying saucers, and Cartwright, a religious "X-Files" watcher.

The three gathered essays from scholars all over the country about the show, including the one they wrote: "Generation X: "The X-Files' and the Cultural Moment."

Because the show was so popular, the trio had no trouble finding a publisher for the book.

"As a matter of fact, Syracuse University Press, which published it, sought us and offered us a contract and everything for it," he said.

Lavery, a self-proclaimed "television scholar," is currently working on two other books.

The first is "Prophetic/'Prophylactic Television Criticism: Anticipating/Preventing/Parodying the TV Discourse of Tomorrow," which he edited with Hague.

The book, which will be published this year by Syracuse University Press, is a collection of book reviews on scholarly books about television that weren't actually written. The reviews cover imaginary books on everything from "Mr. Ed" to "Beavis and Butthead."

Lavery's own entry is a review of a book called "Californication and Cultural Imperialism: 'Baywatch' and the Creation of World Culture."

The second book is about nothing, literally.

He and Sara Lewis Dunne, an assistant professor of English, are working on completing "About Nothing: Charting the Sitcoms of 'Seinfeld.'" The duo is writing the introduction essay "Part of Popular Culture: 'Seinfeld' and the '90s."

Despite Lavery's love for "The X-Files" and other television shows, cherry pie and coffee will always hold a special place in his heart.

"I got pretty-well hooked on 'The X-Files,' although I'm not as big of an 'X-Files' fan as I was of 'Twin Peaks,'" he said. "I can quote you anything on "Twin Peaks,' I mean, I know absolutely everything about "Twin Peaks."

"I jokingly say that I am now, without fear of contradiction, the worlds' greatest 'Twin Peaks' scholar."

Lavery had started watching "Twin Peaks" when he was teaching Communication and Film Studies at University of Memphis.

"I missed it when it was first on, caught it in the reruns and got completely hooked," Lavery said. "I became the cult "Twin Peaks watcher. I had parties with cherry pie and coffee."

When the cult show was about to be canceled, Lavery realized it was worthy of a book. He started sending letters out to everyone he know to see if they would write and essay about the show.

The result was a book called "Full of Secrets: Critical Approaches to 'Twin Peaks,'" which Lavery edited along with Hague and Cartwright. Lavery even wrote an essay of the book called "The Semiotics of Cobbler: 'Twin Peak's Interpretive Community."

Because the show had already ended when the book was complete, Lavery said he had a hard time looking for a publisher. The boo, published by Wayne State University Press, finally came out in 1994, two years after the show had ended.

"And yet, I just got my most recent sales figures," Lavery said. "The book has sold 5,000 copies, actually, all over the world."

The book was so successful that Wayne State has Lavery co-editing another book about the show. The book, which is due out later this year, will be called "Twin Peaks' revisited: Appraisals and Reappraisals of the Show that was Supposed to change TV Forever.:

the success of the first "Twin Peaks' book has surprised Lavery.

"I was in England the summer before last," he said, "and there were copies in every bookstore in England I went in."

Despite all the many hours Lavery has spend "work" and watching television, he said it's still fun because he only watches what he likes.

"It's kind of hilarious to think that you're watching "Beavis and Butthead' to do research," he said.

He said he would consider a scholarly book on a show like "Married...With Children" to be punishment.

"Let's see, what would my idea of television hell be? Having to do a book on 'I Love Lucy' would be my idea of hell," he said. "I absolutely despise 'I Love Lucy.'

"I've been in psychoanalysis for this, trying to figure out why. I think it's because Lucy reminds me of my mother."

Lavery said that in one sense, there is nothing more important than television, even though it is often mindless and frivolous.

"Week in and week out there is some really though-provoking stuff on television," he said "Much more so than you're likely to find in the movies these days. Movies tend to be pretty empty and vacuous. So, it's not an insult to your intelligence to study television."

Lavery, who did his dissertation on the films of Federico Fellini and is working to get a film studies major at MTSU, said he now enjoys television more than the movies.

He does still enjoy the movies, however. He currently is working with associate English professor Robert Holtzclaw and Allison graham to write a textbook called "The Movies: An Introduction to the Art and Culture of Motion Pictures."

"When I first started studying film, it was fascinating. I didn't know anything about it, he said. "It was just like an unexplored land. It was like coming to a new continent."

film appealed to him, he said, because it was something new for him to look at and literature was "getting old hat."

He even has taught film classes in other countries. In 1992, he taught a class on contemporary British film in London and, in 1996, he taught a class called Ireland and Scotland at the Movies on location/

These classes were taught through the Cooperative Center for Study in Britain, a program that provides teachers with transportation and lodging in other countries in exchange for developing and teaching a class. The program has since grown to include other countries, like Hong Kong and Australia, where Lavery is thinking about teaching next.

this wasn't his only experience teaching abroad.

Lavery, who was a philosophy and English major as a college undergraduate at Clarion University in Pennsylvania, has always been interested in Oriental philosophy and China. After he got his doctorate, the American job market for English teachers was "terrible" and he applied for a job in China.

In 1981, 14 months and one child later, the family moved to Shanghai against his wife's better judgment, where Lavery was a foreign expert in English at the East China Normal University.

"She was right; it wasn't a good idea. It was incredibly hard on us," he said. "But looking back it's one of those things that you look back on as valuable experiences, even though they were painful."

Lavery said he learned the true meaning of culture shock while in China.

"I thought it was just a term in a book," he said. "It's real. It is absolutely real. We had it the entire time we were there."

After a few months living in China, the family returned to the United States and Lavery again taught English to American students.

Although he loves television, movies and the rest of popular culture, especially the correlation between media and culture, he still loves the traditional English courses. He said he feels torn between poetry and the movies.

"If I had to give up one of them, I think I'd give up film and TV," he said. "I don't think I could like the rest of my life without poetry."

A Summer

MTSU Geography Club Spends the Winter Last Summer with Squatters in South Africa

Ron Spears

Although it seems the lions share of time is spent studying either the mundane or the arcane in school, occasionally something that is both fascinating and enlightening occurs. That is what happened to the Geography Club in July 1997 when its members traveled to South Africa. Eleven people exchanged the torpor of mid-summer in Tennessee for a mild winter under the Southern Cross.

The weather was to be only the first of many surprises for the group which was quite diverse because of motivation for travel and each with preconceived notions. Some were interested in history, some in geology, some in zoology, some in recreation, and some of in how people lived now that apartheid was no longer the law of the land.

The next surprise was the incredible beauty, prosperity and sheer size of the arrival point, Capetown. It is set at the foot of Table Mountain facing the Atlantic Ocean. One immediately noticed the skyscrapers, the modern motorways, and the endless stream of European and Japanese cars.

It is amusing to be told by any number of South Africans that a BMW 325 is a cheap piece of junk, derided in much the same way many Americans do Chevrolet Cavaliers. (It is perhaps best that yuppies take a breath now so as to calm their traumatized sensibilities).

The group was lucky enough to spend two nights in a high-rise dormitory at the University of Capetown. It was a lot like staying at a residence hall here except that they had hot water, reliable elevators and electricity, and none of the concrete was falling onto the walkways below.

Most of the time in Capetown was spent visiting the Legislative Plaza, the old fort, Victoria Wharf and various bistros, but Capetown is more than its parks, statues, landmarks and tourist traps. It is people.

Another Capetown is made up of its black urban poor. Many of them are the people that make up the nation's massive force of day labor. They eagerly accept long hours for meager pay without benefits of any kind, with the hope of turning it into a permanent job. They accept this because it is better than the alternatives. Among the alternatives is being a street vendor. The lucky ones get a semi-permanent spot along the main thoroughfares of the business district, selling everything from cigarettes to clothing at bargain prices. They must be constantly on the alert for thieves and muggers.

The less lucky ones sell flowers or oranges at traffic lights. Unfortunately, it seems that most drivers rolled their windows up and looked away. The next alternative is begging. It is common to see children outside restaurants and shopping centers asking forlornly for handouts. It is a mean existence.

When the group left Capetown to tour the wine country around Paarl and Stellenbosch, they got to see how most of these black urban poor lived.

On the way east from was the Goodwood squatter settlement, which hugs the motorway and the railroad for miles. According to the 1994 census, more than 250,000 people live there, in small wooden and tin shacks, without any of the basic services we take for granted. Existence there has been so bleak that this stretch of road became known as "Suicide Alley." Several years ago the South African government erected a high metal panel fence along the motorway to prevent any further "accidents."

South Africa is one of the world's largest exporters of wine and brandy and many of their wines and brandies have won several international awards.

The vineyards are tended by blacks whose families have often lived there for generations. But many blacks in the area don't live on the vineyards, they live in squatter settlements.

In nearby Franschoek, the houses were roughly 12-by-12 and made with various discarded pieces of lumber, abandoned signs and gas cans. These people were lucky because they lived in a "formal" settlement. That means that they had a couple of standpipes for water, a couple of portable toilets, occasional refuse removal and postal service.

with Squatters

Traveling across the Little Karoo, a valley which runs roughly west to east for several hundred kilometers, they saw a semi-arid landscape which eerily resembled the American Southwest. Trees were only seen around the very occasional village. There was mile after mile of rocky sandstone mountains whose peaks were sharpened to a razor's edge by a millennia of erosion.

At great intervals along the road, men were building small brick homes in order to fulfill President Nelson Mandela's dream to better house his country's millions of squatters. But even his impossibly optimistic plan to build one million new homes by the year 2000 would never fill the burgeoning need fueled by migration and immigration. As the group traveled the length of South Africa, they saw squatter settlements everywhere. They were a dismal witness to the desperate hopes of their inhabitants.

Eventually they reached Durban, South Africa's largest port. It is also the site of a beach and boardwalk on the Indian Ocean which makes those in California, Maryland and Florida look sad in comparison.

Durban rivals any city for its diversity and international flavor. In fact, Durban has the highest population of Indians in the world outside of India itself. The market was an incredible experience, with smells and sounds and tastes which could never be experienced in a country where Kroger's is the place to shop.

However, the group also visited a squatter settlement called Briardene and interviewed the people who lived there.

In an area of less than five acres an estimated 2,500 people live in tiny shacks nestled against a steep hillside. Myriad narrow footpaths meander through the settlement toward its two standpipes. At the time, only one of these was operational. There were many people gathered there to draw water and carry it up the steep hill, one load at a time. One enterprising man had a wheelbarrow so that he could carry a container of water to the door for a few cents.

There were a handful of portable toilets provided by the city to serve the community. Residents stood in a constant line before them. Only someone who has braved a portable toilet at an outdoor rock concert could appreciate the experience.

The trash and refuse generated by this community was discarded against the side of the hill, growing steadily each day. None of these homes had electricity, running water or insulation. Most leak prodigiously when it rains. The obvious question is why do people live this way?

Most of the inhabitants of the community are Zulu. They have come to Durban from throughout surrounding Kwazulu-Natal province looking for work — any work — because there is virtually none for blacks in the countryside. Most of them are under 40 and many have children. Many are educated, indeed, some have college degrees.

They are hardworking people who have hope for the future. Two of the community leaders explained that many of the settlement's inhabitants were away because they worked during the day. They need schools and basic services. South Africa needs people like these to succeed because they are its future.

When the group returns, they will spend several days studying Briardene and the nearby, but much larger, settlements of New Canaan and Cato Manor.

They will also complete a survey of the physical environment of Briardene and a survey of its inhabitants. In time, with continued interest in and support for the project, the group hopes to incorporate this data with orthographic photo maps and create a geographic information system.

Hopefully, with better information about squatter settlements, the MTSU Geography Club can provide the numerous non-governmental agencies throughout South Africa with a means to alleviate this problem and help blacks throughout the region reach their rightful potential.

MTSU's Very Own Renaissance Man

Chad Gillis

After a quaint evening spent choking down Kangaroo strips, a local English instructor returns from Quails in Brentwood expecting a phone call.

This being a professor with a 27 year tenure, Dr. Charles Wolfe, film producer, portable recording engineer, author, husband and father of two, father of science fiction and fantasy at MTSU, folk music expert, Emmy winner, Elvis expert, Smithsonian and Library of Congress project correspondent, and Cultural Olympic mediator, reveals one of a long list of accomplishments.

After coming to Middle in 1970, Dr. Wolfe opened the first section of science fiction and fantasy to hit campus.

We were all wondering whether or not anyone was even interested in science fiction. We got it in the catalog, and we all held our breath to see if anyone would take it, Dr. Wolfe relayed.

Those were the days before TRAM where you actually had to go to Murphy Center and stand in line with cards to get classes.

Shortly after opening the class at 9am on the first day of registration, Dr. Wolfe proceeded to his office to learn that the class was already full.

A little bit later on my wife called and she said there is a bunch of students standing on your front porch who are really wanting in your science fiction class. So, apparently we had about 300 people who tried to sign up for it. So we have offered it every semester since then.

Thanks to those stern efforts of the mid 70's the English department is now considering a science fiction and fantasy course at the graduate level.

Dr. Wolfe spends most summers working on various projects. The most recent one found his work in liner notes documenting the King.

Time Life Music, the largest mail order music business in the country, solicited Dr. Wolfe's work for a huge campaign encompassing previously unreleased works of Elvis.

Some of those (unreleased tracks) were discovered in Graceland.

Presley's father continued working at his office in Graceland until he passed away earlier this year. A small, locked box was found and a locksmith was called in. Inside several rolls of tape were found to contain music that no outside ears had ever heard. The recordings are mainly of Elvis sitting around his mansion recording himself.

The summer of 1996 found Dr. Wolfe in Atlanta.

They had a thing called Cultural Olympics. One of the things they did was have a special exhibit on the South. They also wanted to produce a movie on southern music. And for a number of years I have been preaching that southern music is really the root of most American popular music. We did a movie that was basically a reflection of that.

The 17-minute film, entitled Common Chords: The Music of the American South, has received rave reviews and is still being shown.

Other worthy film credits on Dr.Wolfe's resume include his work as an associate producer for PBS, and his 1979 documentary on local legend Uncle Dave Macon. The feature was produced for Georgia Public Television which won an Emmy for best musical documentary for that same year.

One of Dr. Wolfe's shows dealt with the fine craft of moonshining.

We went down to Monteagle Mountain and we found this old guy who was a well known moonshiner. So we hung out with him for about three or four weeks in the woods. And we thought that the best way to show this guy in action was to actually have him construct a still.

So we did. And of course in order to do that we had to get permission from the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage people. And at the end of the thing, we had the still actually running they stepped in and blew it up with dynamite. They felt like its purpose had been served.

Dr. Wolfe cites a project with the Library of Congress dealing with gospel and folk music.

Dealing with studio shy musicians forced him into the role of portable recording engineer. Dr. Wolfe then traveled to remote locations to document.

You would have to turn off things like the air conditioner, if you had a clock you would have to stop it, you would have to turn off the refrigerator. All of that stuff comes through clear as a bell.

I remember one time we were recording and there was a bunch of crickets outside the window and I thought I would let the crickets stay to add some flavor to it (recording). But the louder the singing got the louder the crickets got. And pretty soon it was where I could hear them in my headphones. I couldn't hear the gospel singers any more than I could hear the crickets.

And Lonnie went into his back room and came out with a double-barreled shotgun and stuck it out the window and fired both barrels at once and the crickets shut up right then. And we were able to get two or three songs cut before the crickets came back and started in. The idea is to always have a shotgun handy.

Dr. Wolfe, former sax player, was on hand as a guest speaker for the opening of the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland and will be speaking there again in September.

He has worked with the Smithsonian on a number of occasions including this summer folk festival and various writing projects.

The Missouri native will be on hand at Davis Kidd in Nashville for a book signing along with Bluegrass musician John Hartford.

As an English teacher, after all, my main job is to teach writing. And I feel like if you're going to pretend to be an expert at that then you need to either put up or shut up.

Dr. Charles Wolfe

Recycling Program Funds Scholarships

Bryan Brooks

More than 8.9 million pounds of material has been recycled and more than $300,000 raised for academic scholarships since the creation of the recycling program on campus in 1972.

The mission of the recycling program initiated by the biology club is to reduce the waste of precious resources while at the same time funding 28 academic scholarships.

According to Patrick Doyle, director of the recycling program, more than 8.8 million pounds of newspaper have been recycled since 1972. Aluminum can recycling began in 1987 and since then 165,000 pounds have been saved.

Doyle said about 20 cans create a pound of aluminum, and every can recycled saves enough energy for three hours of television watching.

The recycling program began accepting office paper in 1990, and in seven and one-half years 750 pounds of office paper has been saved.

"The faculty is real supportive," Doyle said, separating in their offices the paper to be recycled.

"Every [aluminum] can thrown away adds to the degradation of the environment," he said.

Doyle explained every produced can wastes a total of 14 pounds of coal, pollutes eight gallons of water, creates three ounces of acid rain and produces 40 pounds of carbon dioxide. Recycling one can reduces this by 95 percent, taking only 0.7 pounds of coal to recycle it.

As far as Doyle knows, the recycling for scholarships program at MTSU was the first in the state. Requests for assistance in starting recycling programs have come from colleges from New York to Florida, and as far west as Kansas.

"Practically every college in Tennessee has asked for assistance," Doyle said.

In the past year about $15,000 was raised by the recycling program. The year prior to that $25,000 was raised. Doyle attributes the difference in funds raised to a drop in the price of paper. The price of aluminum has remained steady.

The recycling for scholarships program funds academic scholarships for outstanding undergraduate and graduate students in biology. Scholarships are also provided for students in field biology, microbiology and teaching.

Even more are provided for those pursuing undergraduate and graduate research and students who want to attend field stations during the summer. One is also provided for a member of the maintenance staff or their dependents, and one for a member of the clerical staff or their dependents.

The recycling program picks up some material off campus, especially white paper which comes from offices.

"It can be considered part of a public service project," Doyle said. "The county and city government offices are real good about saving white paper."

The recycling center is off Greenland Drive near the Tennessee Livestock Center parking lot. Aluminum cans, newspaper, white paper, catalogs and mixed paper can be dropped off there. Aluminum recycling bins are located in most campus buildings.

Making Beautiful Music

MTSU's music conductor Laurence Harvin has formed a university symphony orchestra — a full symphony orchestra with string, wind, brass and percussion instruments.

Some of the university music students will play the wind and percussion instruments, but anyone who has experience with the violin, cello, string bass, or viola may participate in the string section of the orchestra.

Harvin said he started the orchestra because he felt there was a great need for a large ensemble for students who studied string instruments in high school.

"We want to attract students who had music in high school but are majoring in different areas," Harvin said.

He feels really good about the new orchestra because it gives string instrumentalists a musical outlet.

The orchestra practices Thursdays at the Instrumental Rehearsal Hall in the Wright Music Building. Harvin said he believes students, who do not have a lot of time, will appreciate the convenience of having one practice per week.

According to Megan Schissler, a violinist in the orchestra, things are looking pretty good for the orchestra in its first year, except for the fact that they need more string instrumentalists.

Schissler would like to see the orchestra grow and be able to travel to different states and perform. She also wants to encourage more people, with string experience especially, to get involved because it is a lot of fun. Schissler is minoring in music and has been playing the violin for about six years. Right now she said she is playing strictly for the enjoyment of music but in the future she hopes to be able to teach music as a side job.

The orchestra's first performance was with the band in December for a Christmas concert. It is hoped there are many more to come.

Albert Gore Sr. Returns to MTSU

A conference on the political life of Albert Gore Sr. brought a distinguished assembly of authors, judges, politicians, historians and journalists to campus to examine the 32-year public service career of a Southern "moderate" and to probe the thoughts, attitudes and behaviors of post-war Tennessee.

"Albert Gore, Tennessee and the New South: A Conference on the Senate Career of Albert Gore Sr." was held in the Business and Aerospace building Nov. 8 and was attended by the former senator and his wife, Pauline. The event was sponsored by the Gore Research Center, the Student Government Association and LaPaglia and Associates of Murfreesboro. are expected to attend the event.

James Neal , director of the Gore Research Center. said he was pleased to be a part of a conference with such distinguished academicians, jurists, public officials and media and literary figures.

"From various perspectives, they provide us a fresh look at the political career of Albert Gore Sr. during one of the most exciting eras of modern Southern history. This retrospective of Sen. Gore and his times is long overdue," Neal said.

Albert Gore Sr. was born in 1907 in Jackson , Tenn., worked his way through what was then Middle Tennessee State Teachers College, and then taught school in rural Smith County. He entered politics at age 24, and he studied law while serving as superintendent of school. He earned a law degree in 1937, was appointed Tennessee's first commissioner of labor and, that same year married Pauline LaFon of Jackson, Tenn.

Session one of the conference, "Albert Gore and the politics of Post-War Tennessee: The 1952 Senate Race," was presented by James B. Gardner, a Washington consultant and former deputy consultant director of the American Historical Association.

The academic response was given by Otis Graham Jr., visiting professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. The public response was given by Fred Graham, chief anchor and managing editor of Court TV. Graham, a former Fulbright Scholar, grew up in Nashville and was a reporter with "The Tennessean" from 1956 to 1959.

Session two, "Albert Gore and Civil Rights," was presented by Anthony Badger, Paul Mellon professor of American history at Cambridge University, England, and fellow of the Sidney Sussex College. Badger has written extensively on segregation, civil rights, modernization of the South and southern liberalism.

The academic response was presented by Kyle Longley, associate professor of history at Arizona State University. He has written numerous essays on Sen. Albert Gore Sr., as well as on national security, Latin America and the American civil rights movement. Linda T. Wynn gave the public response. Wynn is assistant director for state programs, Tennessee Historical Commission.

"Albert Gore, Tennessee and the New South," was discussed by an eight-person panel moderated by David Halberstam and John Seigenthaler.

Halberstam has authored nine best-selling books, including "The Best and the Brightest," "The Powers That Be," "The Reckoning" and "The Fifties." He has won every major journalistic award, including the Pulitzer Prize. His book "The Children" is about the civil rights movement. "The Boston Globe" called Halberstam "This generation's equivalent of Theodore White and John Gunther."

Seigenthaler is founder of the Freedom Forum First Amendment center at Vanderbilt University and holder of the Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies at MTSU. A former president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, he was also an award-winning journalist. He began as a cub reporter in 1949. and when he retired, he was editor, publisher and CEO of "The Tennessean". In 1982 , he became the founding editorial editor of "USA Today." In the 1960s, Seigenthaler was administrative assistant to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

Joining Halberstam and Seigenthaler for the forum were: Judge John T. Nixon, who was appointed U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee by President Jimmy Carter in 1980 and became chief judge in 1991; Judge Gilbert S. Merrit, former assistant dean and professor at the Vanderbilt Law School and circuit judge, U.S. Court of Appeals Sixth district; Adolpho A. Birch Jr., associate justice on the Tennessee Supreme Court, who also teaches at Nashville School of Law ; Ned McWherter, former governor of Tennessee from 1987 to 1995, who was appointed to the Postal Service Board of Governors in 1995; Cecil D. Branstetter Sr., founding partner of Branstetter, Kilgore, Stranch and Jennings , a Nashville law firm ; and Forrest Harris Sr., director of the Kelly Miller Smith Institute on the African-American Church at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

"The conference itself was an example of the kind of scholarly activity that will become much more commonplace on this campus at MTSU moves into the 21st century," Neal said.

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The KOM Upgrades

Adam R. Smith

Following a brief relocation during the summer session, the computer labs were returned to the Kirksey Old Main building, expanded and upgraded for the fall semester, according to John Schmidt, director of the computer science labs.

The labs, located on the third floor of the KOM, received money for upgrades from the technology access fee, which was increased from $15 to $50 last year. The upgrades replaced 486 PC computers with Pentium II computers, Schmidt said.

In addition, the labs were recarpeted and repainted and expanded into two adjoining rooms.

These rooms also serve as a new teaching and demonstrations facility, with 37 new computers added to the new area, including a teacher's terminal. The teaching facility is similar to the master classrooms, with multimedia capabilities, a sound system, ceiling-suspended monitors and video projectors, Schmidt said.

The new area connects to the old lab through a new double doorway, but the main entrance to the labs, in Room 351, remain the same, Schmidt said. The central aisle of the open lab also was widened to better accommodate handicapped students.

Renovations for the labs took place over the summer, when the KOM was closed to repair the foundation. A crack in the heating and air system of the KOM caused the ground beneath the building to dry out, resulting in settling of the building's foundation, Schmidt said.

During the summer, the air conditioning was turned off and disassembled and the foundation was dug out, repaired, then filled back in. The repairs lasted about eight weeks, during which time building was closed to student and faculty use.

However, the computer science labs were not shut down but moved to the Business and Aerospace Building.

The new computers were wired into the campus network and have Internet capabilities.

"[the addition of the computers] updates us further," Schmidt said. "That becomes increasingly critical, because we originally had two labs in the KOM, and now one of those has moved to the Business and Aerospace Building, so this is now the only major lab on this side of campus."

Schmidt added that students from many disciplines — not just computer science — use the labs for word processing, basic computing and web browsing.

This is not the only upgrade of the computer lab, Schmidt said. Over the winter break last year, 16 486 computers were replaced with Pentium II machines, and 17 were replaced last spring. Currently, every computer in the teaching and demonstration lab in KOM 356 is a pentium.

Noble Prize Winner Presents Award

Susan McMahan

An MTSU alumnus who was awarded the Nobel Prize was on campus to present the first scholarships named in his honor.

James Buchanan, who graduated form Middle Tennessee State Teachers College in 1940, won the prize in 1986 for economic sciences. The scholarship in his honor was established earlier this year.

The $1,000 scholarship was open to freshmen eligible for Presidential Scholarships, requiring a 3.5 GPA after the seventh semester of high school and a minimum of 29 on the ACT.

The first winners of the scholarship are Susanna Baxter and Adrian Gregory of Gallatin, Elizabeth Hansen of Smithville, Mo., Jennnifer Hood of Pulaski, Leanne Jenkins of Clinton, Jessica Porter of La Vergne, Sara Salyer of Clarksville, Dustin Schaerer of Knoxville and Kimberly Williams of Nashville.

"It will be very interesting to see how they do," Buchanan said.

Buchanan said he was not responsible for selecting the recipients, but he did meet them at a luncheon.

This was Buchanan's first visit to the campus in five years.

On this visit, he met with academic deans and Vice President and Provost for Academic Affairs Barbara Haskew, who originally developed the idea for the scholarship, lectured to a public policy class, attended a reception at the President's Home, and attended the luncheon.

Haskew took Buchanan on a tour of campus, showing him how the university had changed since his days on campus.

"There were between 700 to 800 students when I was here, so you knew them all. We only had three or four buildings when I was here," Buchanan said, adding the science building was new at that time.

Buchanan was bon in the country village of Gum, a part of Rutherford County. He attended Buchanan School, which was named for his family, during grade school. He attended MTSTC from 1938-1940.

Buchanan has been living in Virginia for about 40 years. He currently is teaching at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., where he is the Hobert H. Harris Professor.

Buchanan is currently working on a book called "Constitutions of Geometry." He said he has written about 24 books, including the autobiographical "Better Than Plowing," which was published in 1982.

Buchanan said he was only partially surprised when he won the Nobel Prize.

"There had been a rumor that I would win in '84'," Buchanan said. " It would not have been a surprise in '84."

The Hampton Society

The Hampton Society, a senior-level honorary society, has been formed at MTSU to recognize achievement and excellence. It was named after Martha Hampton, first dean of women at MTSU. This year members participated in a Student Recognition Awards ceremony on campus. "Taking the opportunity to stop and recognize students for their outstanding achievement is something we need to do more of, and I'm very glad we're doing this," commented MTSU President James E. Walker.

Left:Presenting a plaque to Mrs. Hampton are Chasarin Thomason, president of the Hampton Society, and Jennifer Turner, Student Life intern.

Below and left: Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Robert C. LaLance presents David Tignor, a Junior at MTSU, with The Robert C. LaLance Jr. Achievement Award. This award is given to a student who has demonstrated remarkable determination, made sacrifices, and contributed to the community while pursuing his studies.

Below and right: President James E. Walker presents SGA president, Ryan Durham with the President's award. This award recognizes character, honor, achievement, campus leadership, and community service.

"Outstanding University Professor" is one of MTSU's very own

Sara Salyer / staff

Caroline Hopper

Caroline Hopper, professor of developmental studies, was named this year's "Outstanding University Professor in Tennessee."

The award is sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

The Carnegie Foundation awards four national winner and one winner for each state. The award was set up in 1981 to honor teachers that excel and influence the lives and careers of students.

The Carnegie Foundation is a national organization that supports education by recognizing undergraduate teachers.

Any university can send in a nomination for the prestigious award. The school must pay $50 processing fee, send in five letters of support and an essay from the nominee. Each school can nominate up to three teachers.

Eight schools from Tennessee sent in nominations. The nomination went to the deciding board last May. Hopper was honored at a luncheon in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building on Oct. 24.

"My favorite part of teaching is, without a doubt, the students," Hopper said. "Students are interesting and inspiring."

She said every day is different and she is always learning from her students.

Hopper published a textbook on study skills which is used her at MTSU and across the nation. Her book, titled "Practicing College Study Skills: Strategies for Success," has lots of hands-on material.

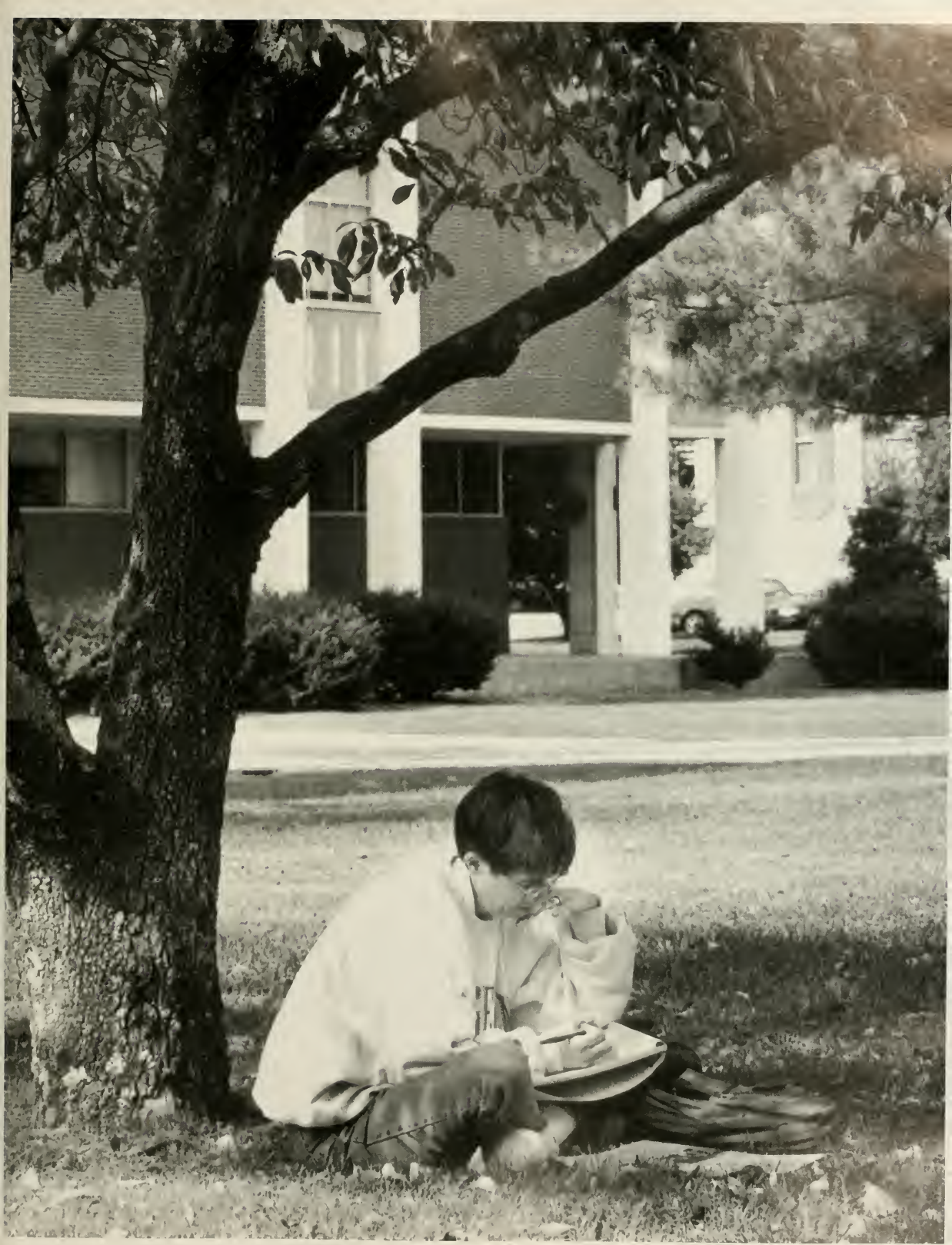
"I found that most other textbooks on study skills gave no practice," she said.

The fourth edition of her book came out in October.

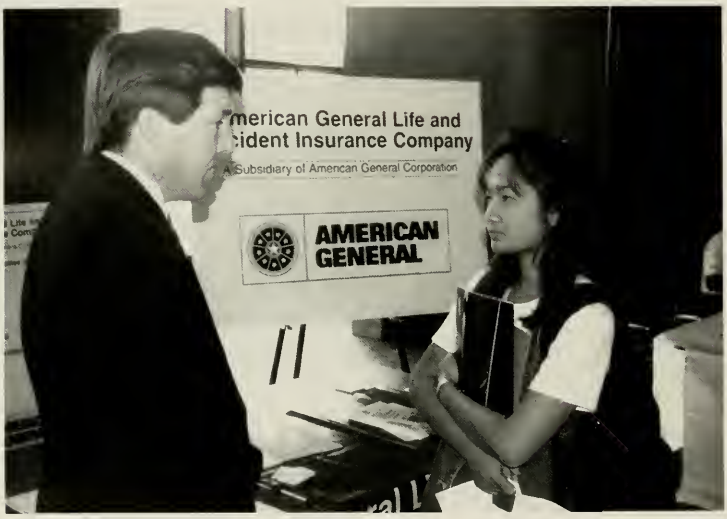
Hopper also started a web page on study skills. At first it was for her classes, but now all students are invited to use it. You can located it through the MTSU home page at http://www.mtsu.edu/~studskl.

Hopper was one of three professors named Outstanding Professor at MTSU in 1996. In 1989 she was named the Developmental Educator for the state.

"Teaching keeps you on your toes," She said. "I am constantly learning new things."



Right: During CUSTOMS, new students are provided with campus tours, scheduling advice, and other college survival tips.



Left: On Career Day, many students seek information on potential careers from vendors representing area busniesses.

Right: This student is taking advantage of one of the many services that the Rec. Center has to offer.

In the *Middle* of it all

People

Lito Ramos and Ashlee Dunham finish off their hard day at school by "pumping some iron."

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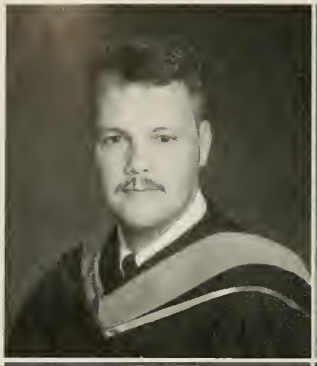

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Shawn Andrews
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Jennifer Austin
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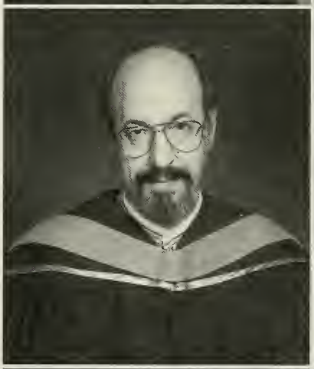

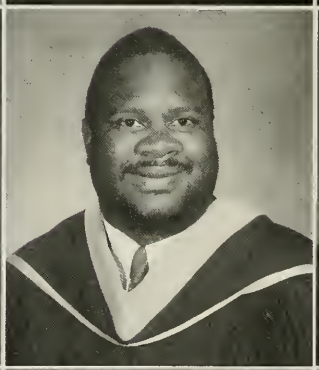

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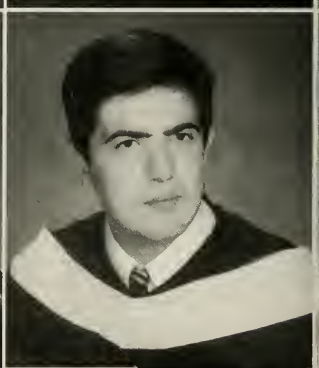

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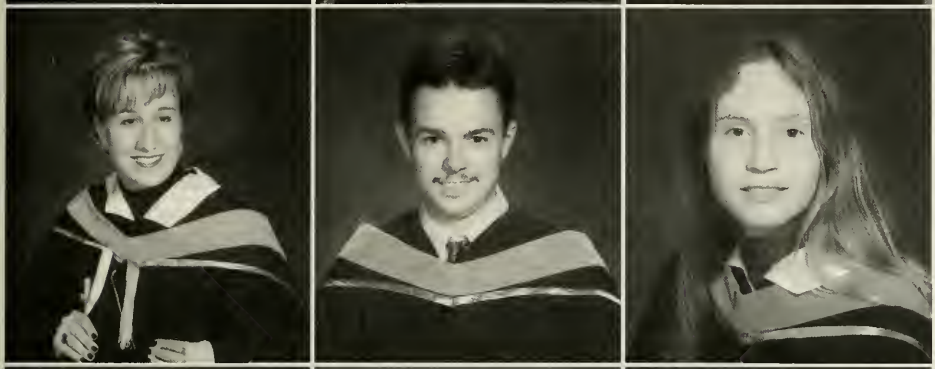

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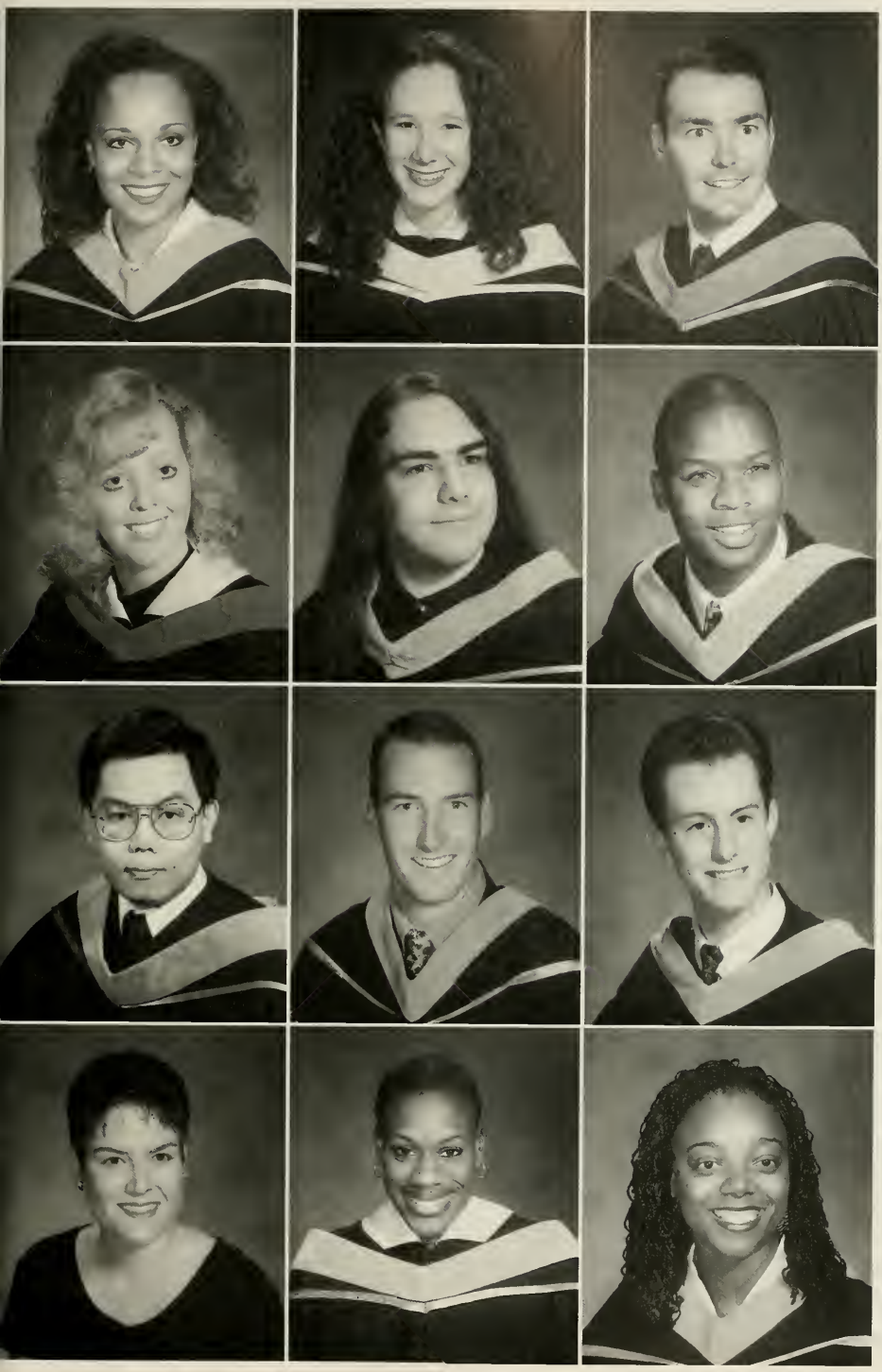

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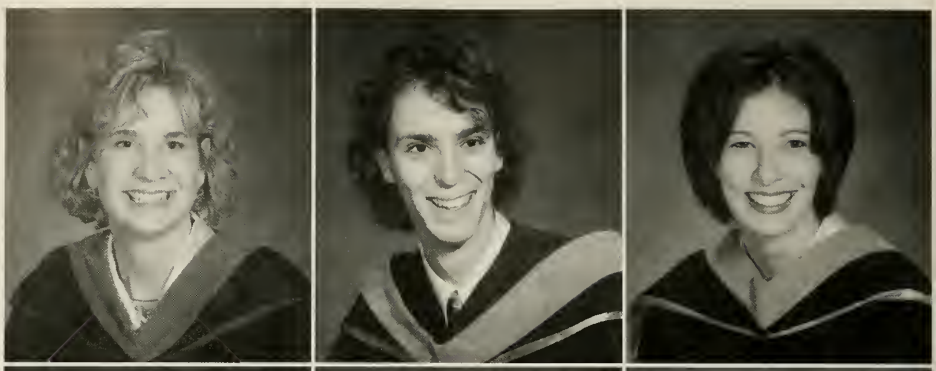

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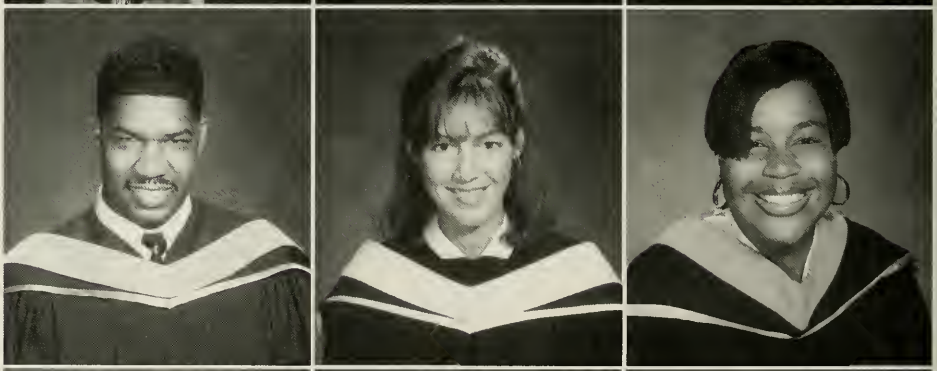

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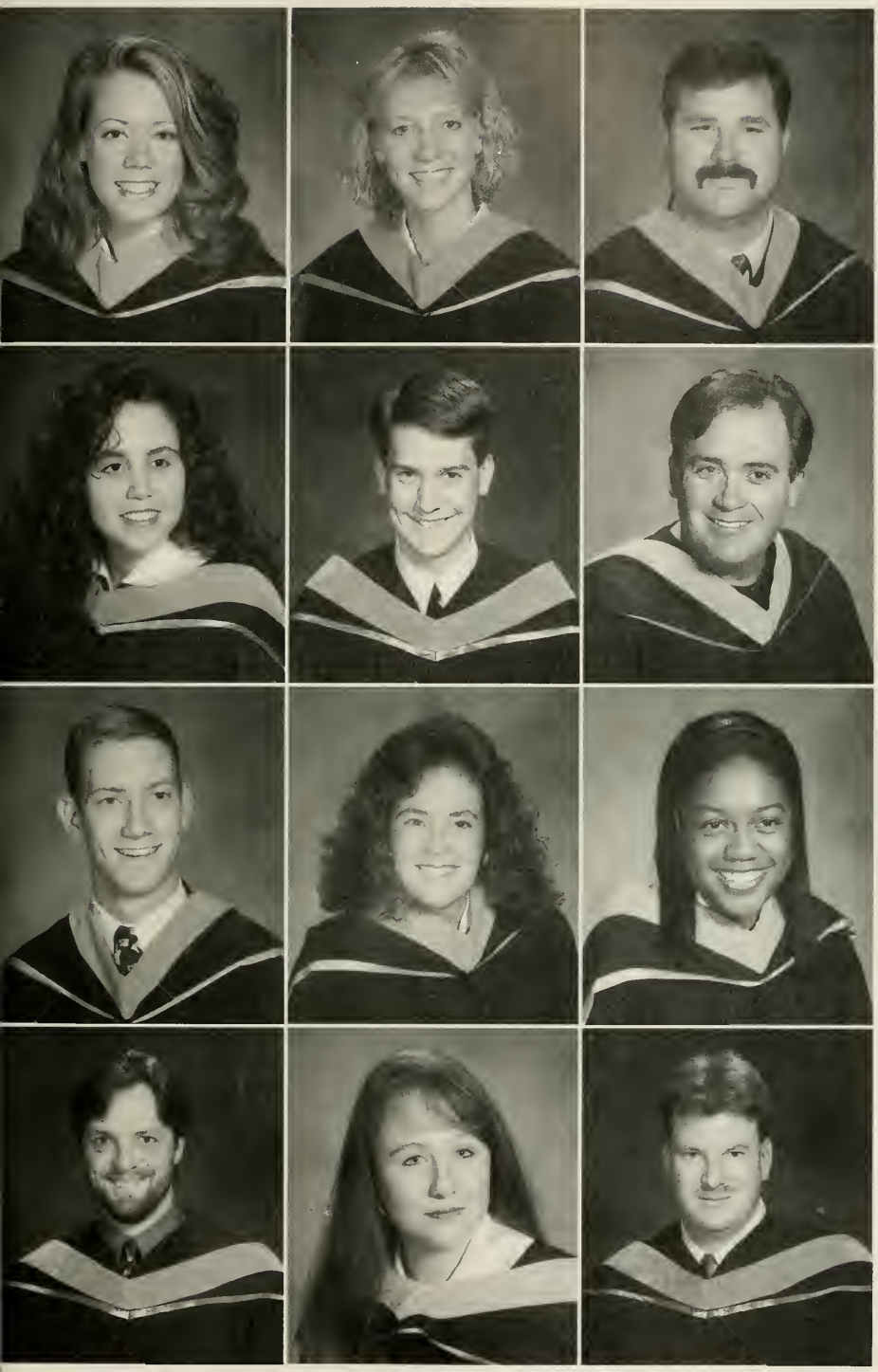

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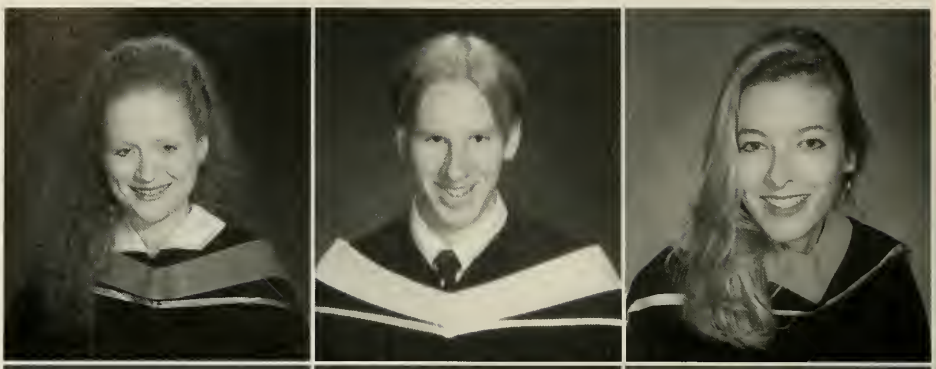

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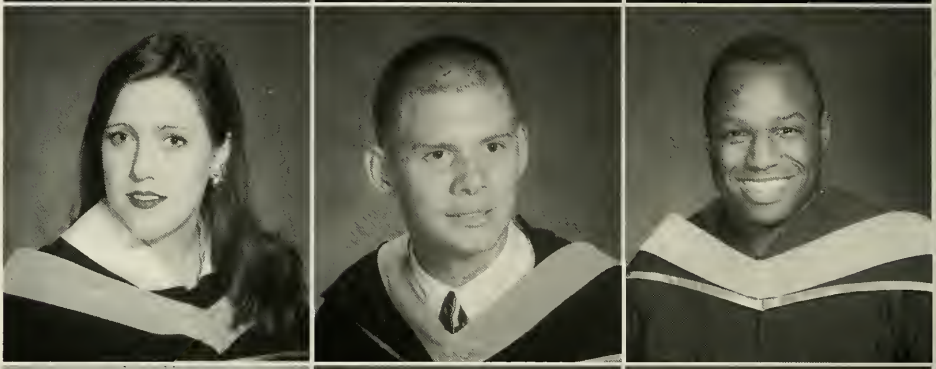

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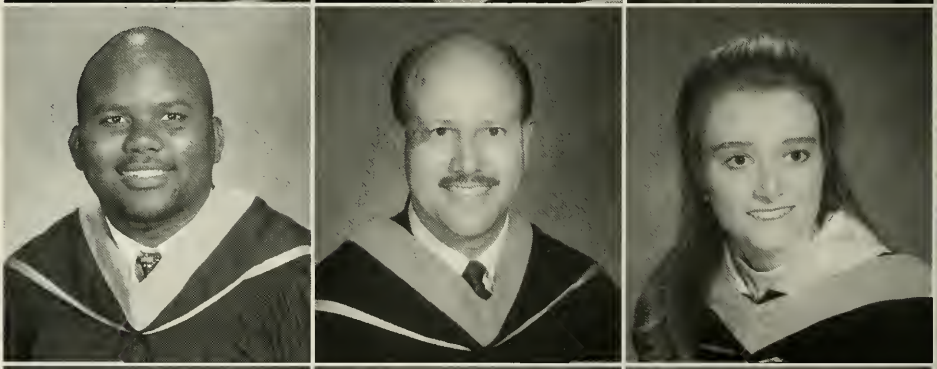

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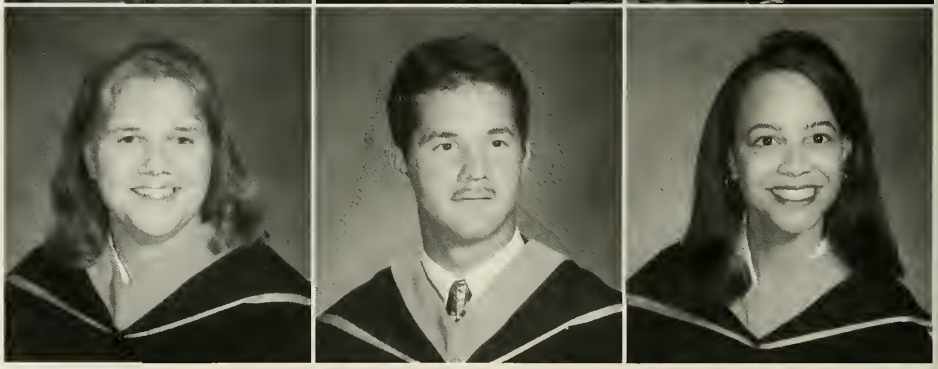

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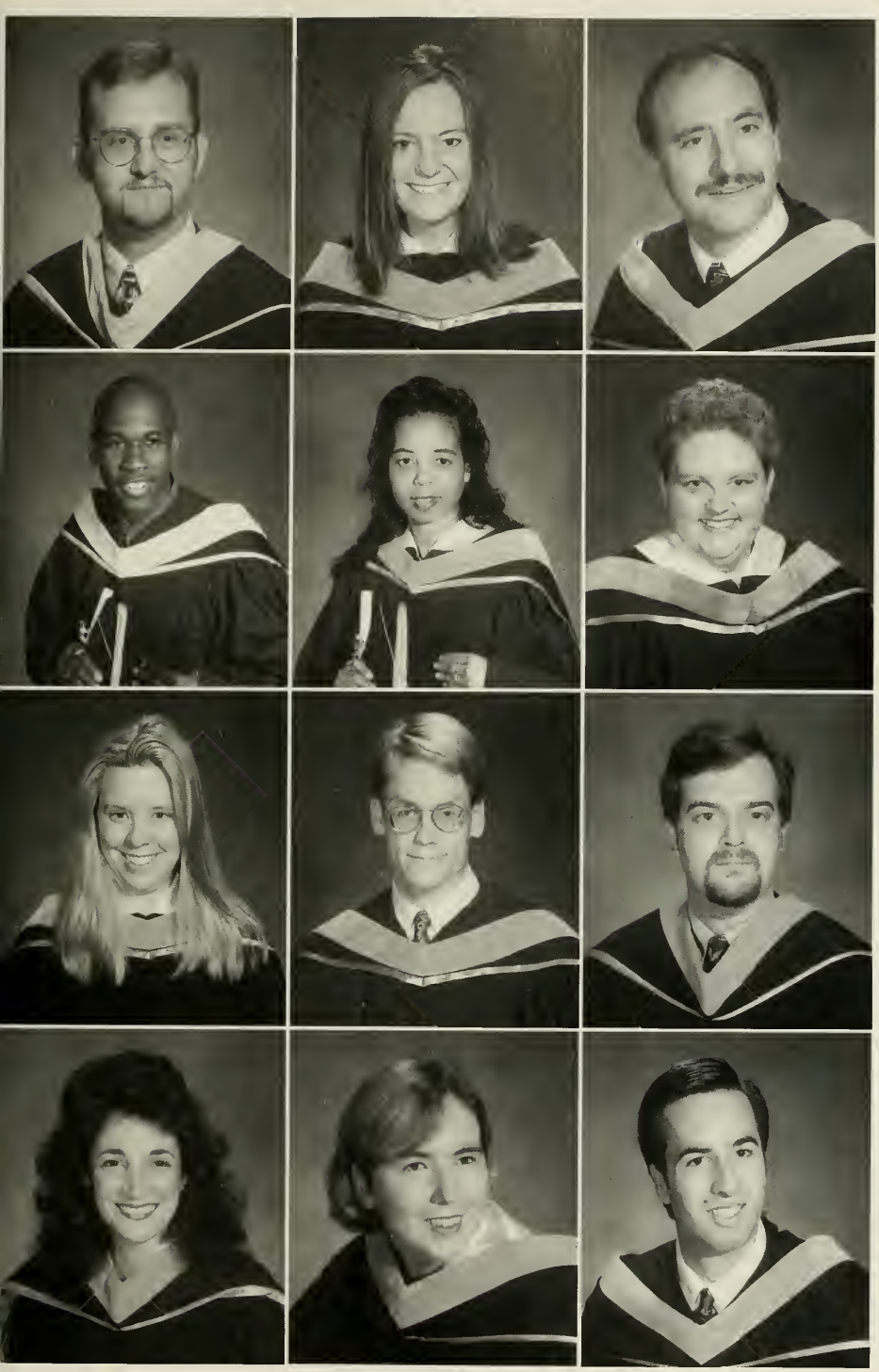

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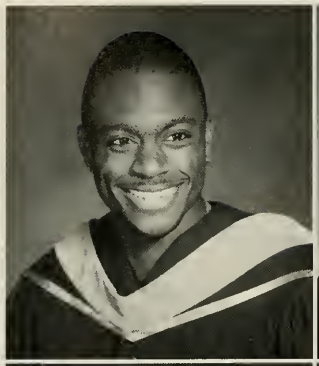

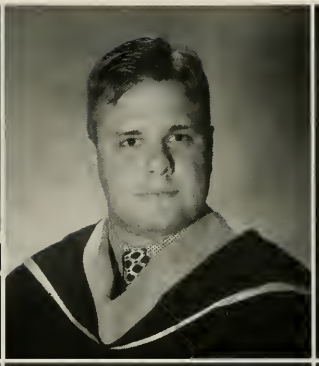

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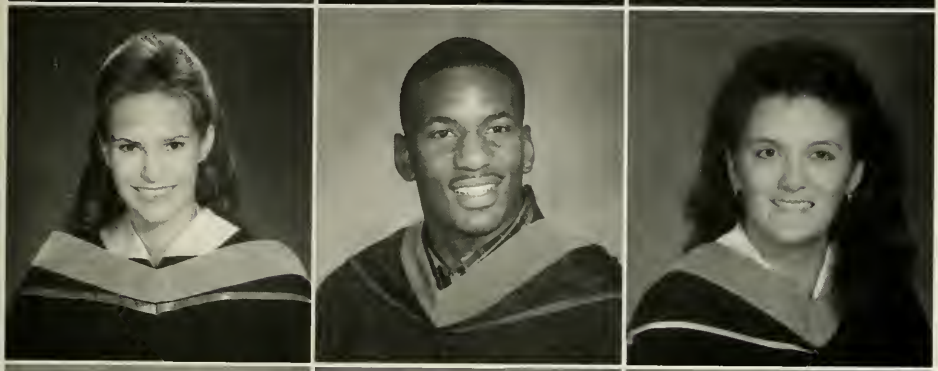

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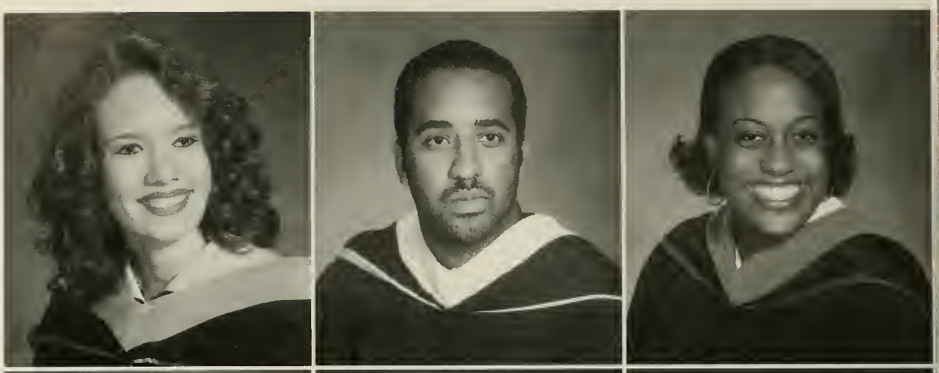

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Who's Who

Ashley B. Allen, a junior of Advertising, is a member of Alpha Delta Pi, Student Ambassadors, Raider Reps., Order of Omega, Advertising Club, Raider Assistance Project, and Student Orientation. She has held the positions of new member coordinator and president for Alpha Delta Pi, and secretary of Student Ambassadors. She has received the Doris Cody Spirit Award and Megan Carter Diamond Excellence Award.

William Lauren Bandy, a graduate of Aerospace/Pro-Pilot, is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi, Pinnacle, and Golden Key National Honors Societies. He has gained the honor of becoming a captain in the Civil Air Patrol, a Gold Seal flight instructor and to be the only MTSU Aerospace student to ever graduate with distinction in University Honors. He has received the Honor's Program Academic Achievement Award, Buck Clapp Memorial Scholarship, Don Ace Memorial Scholarship, and the Beechcraft Staggerwing Museum Scholarship.

Betty Michels Burgess, a senior of Nursing, is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Alpha Beta Gamma, Pinnacle Honor Society and Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society. She has held an internship at UT Hospital in Medical Transcription and the position of nurse director at the First Farrragut United Methodist Church. She received the Foundation Scholarship and the Flagstar Corporation Scholarship.

Phillipa J. Clark, a senior of Communication Disorders, is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Communication Disorders Club, and the National Students Speech-Language-Hearing Association. She has held the position of vice-president of the Communication Disorders Club in 1996-1997 and has been named to the Dean's List.

Adam D. Dorsey, a senior of Recording Industry, is a member of the Student Songwriters Association and American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP). He has held the position of treasurer for the Student Songwriters Association and resident assistant of MTSU's University Housing. He has performed at the tribute to Rep. John Bragg, and received the 1997 ASCAP Songwriter Award and Scholarship.

Cindy Foster, a junior of Marketing, is a member of Beta Alpha Psi and the Forest Mill United Methodist Church. She has held the position of superintendent of Sunday schools and vice president of the women's club for Forest Mill UMC. She has received scholarships from Elk Valley Chapter of the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Business and Professional Women of Manchester.

Courtney Genosi, a junior of Political Science, is a member of Alpha Delta Pi, Pre-Law society, Tau Omicron Honors Society, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society, and Golden Key National Honors Society. She has held the position of treasurer for Alpha Delta Pi. She has received the All-American Collegiate Award, OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll Award, and University Enrichment Scholarship.

Tristan Gordon, a junior of Nutrition/Food Science, is a member of the Student Ambassadors, Alpha Delta Pi, Raider Assistance Project, Blue & Silver Classics, Raider Representatives, Tau Omicron Women's Honor Society, Golden Key National Honors Society, and Order of Omega. She has held the position of pride leader, philanthropy chair, and executive vice president for Alpha Delta Pi. She has been named to the Dean's List and Order of Omega Greek Honor Society, and received the Presidential Scholarship.

Shaun Damon Hartsell, a junior of Management, is a member of the Alpha Omega College Ministry and Intramural Sports Program, MTSU Volleyball team, One Goal Basketball League, Continuing Studies Department, and Honors Program. He has held the position of the MTSU Volleyball mascot, student technician for Continuing Studies, Alpha Omega Football Coach, and One Goal Coach and Referee.

Joseph L Herbert II, a senior of Elementary Education, is a member of the NAACP, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, United Greek Council, and SGA. He been vice president and planning committee chairperson for the NAACP, a Mentoring Program-Peer Advisor, SGA representative, vice president for the United Greek Council, secretary and vice president for Omega Psi Phi. He has been named to the Order of Omega-Greek Honor Society.

William K. Hodges, a senior of Criminal Justice, is a member of the American Criminal Justice Association (Lambda Alpha Epsilon), Golden Key National Honors Society, Gamma Beta Phi Honors Society, and the Fraternal Order of Police. He has held the position of vice president of Lambda Alpha Epsilon and student representative of the Grade Appeals Committee. He has been named to the Dean's List and has received the President Walker Letter of Recognition.

LaQuita C. James, a senior of Communication Disorders, is a member of Gamma Beta Phi and the MTSU Community Chorus. She has received the Minority Incentive Scholarship.

Cosette Joyner-Watson, a senior of Textiles, Merchandising, and Design, is a member of the Golden Key National Honors Society (GKNHS), Student Advisory Committee (SAC) in the Human Sciences Dept., Southern Regional Chapter of the Association of Women in Psychology (SRCAWP), and Kappa Omicron Mu. She has held the position of president and newsletter editor for the GKNHS; vice president, student representative and student ambassador for SAC; newsletter creator and editor for Human Science Times; Graphic Design director for Women's Leadership Conference Planning Committee. She has received the Albert & Ethell Carver-Smith Memorial Scholarship, Castner-Knott Award for Outstanding Textile, Merchandising, and Design, Freshman Writing Award, Bob Abernathy Scholarship, Enrichment Scholarship, and nominated for a Woman of Achievement Award, and received a partial scholarship from SRCAWP in 1997.

Melanie M. McDaniel, a senior of Chemistry / Pre-Physical Therapy, is a member of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society and Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society. She has held the positions of associate editor of Scientia, physical therapy technician at S.T.A.R. - Williamson County Medical Center, chemistry researcher at MTSU, and was the workshop presenter and organizer at the 1997 Expanding Your Horizons Conference. She has received the June S. Anderson Scholarship and Undergraduate Research Grant from the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, was nominated for the Student Women of Achievement Award, and presented research at the Tennessee Academy of Science Meeting and National Council of Undergraduate Research Meeting.

Heather D. McIntosh, a senior of Communication Disorders, is a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi, Communication Disorders Club, and the National Students of Speech-Hearing-Language Association. She has held the positions of recording secretary, senior challenge representative, and chapter consultant liason for Rho Chi, and she was also the MTSU Dance Team assistant director. She has received the University Enrichment Scholarship and has been named to the Dean's List.

Christie Moore, a senior of Finance, is a member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, Tau Omicron Women's Honors Society, Phi Beta Lambda Business Fraternity, and Student Programming. She has held positions of senior coordinator for Alpha Delta Pi and All-Sing assistant for Tau Omicron. She has been awarded the Weatherford Chair of Finance Scholarship and has been named to the Dean's List.

Who's Who

Christian Nsiah, a junior of Business Administration, is a member of the MTSU Men's Track team, Student Athlete Advisory Council, Golden Key Honor Society and the Hampton Society. He has held the position of captain of the MTSU Men's Track team and Men's Track representative for the Student Athlete Advisory Council. He has been named as All-American for Track/Field in 1996, and Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Sarah Price, a senior of Interdisciplinary Studies, is a member of Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society.

Gloria Paulina Soria, a graduate student of Industrial Studies, is a member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, Solar Car team, Emerging Leaders Program, Multicultural Policies Committee and Golden Key National Honors Society. She has held the position of treasurer for Tau Omicron Women's Honors Society, vice president of the Golden Key National Honors Society, and president of the Hispanic Students Association. She has received the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Scholarship 1997/1998, and named to the Dean's List in 1995-1996 and as Outstanding Student of the Basic and Applied Sciences College in 1996.

Rebecca Sue Thomas, a senior of Plant and Soil Science/Agriculture, is a member of Delta Tau Alpha National Agriculture Honor Society, Golden Key National Honors Society, Plant and Soil Science Club, and the Pinnacle Honor Society. He has held the position of senior representative on the Agricultural Council.

Robin Turpin, graduate of Accounting, is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma Honors Society and the Golden Key National Honor Society. She has received the Accounting Alumni Appreciation Scholarship, named to the Dean's List for 9 out of 10 semesters. She was Summa Cum Laude at Motlow State Community College and Magna Cum Laude at MTSU.

Cherese A. Vines, a senior Journalism, is a member of the Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, Gamma Beta Phi Society, and the Golden Key National Honor Society. She has held the position of floor representative for the Resident Housing Association. She has received the Scholastic Achievement Scholarship and been named to the Dean's List.

Peggy Watson, a senior of Communication Disorders, is a member of the National Students Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Communication Disorders Club and Honors Program. She has been fundraising chairperson for the Communication Disorders Club. She has been honored with the Freshman Writing Award in 1995 and the Bart McCash Honor Scholarship 1996.

Nicole L West, a junior of Marketing, is involved in the work for the Special Olympics, a soloist in the Southside Baptist Church, and the Murfreesboro City Schools Extended Program. She has held the position of 1st grade Extended School Program teacher at Black Fox Elementary. She has received the MTSU Academic Achievement Scholarship, Stanley Tools Scholarship, and the Excellence Award from Murfreesboro City Schools for Hard Work and Dedication.

Ed Woodall, a senior of Psychology, is a member of OWLS and the Pinnacle Honors Society. He has held the position of President of OWLS.

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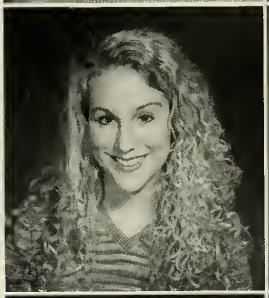

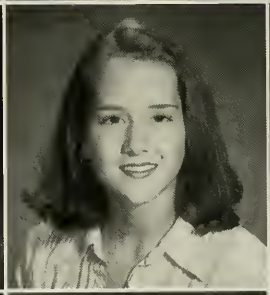

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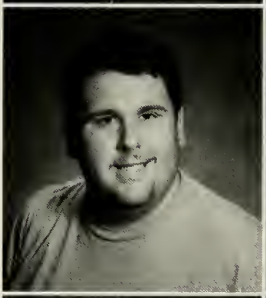

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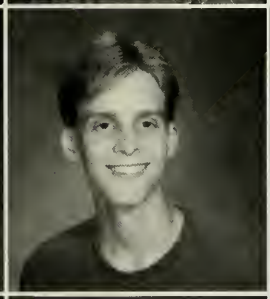

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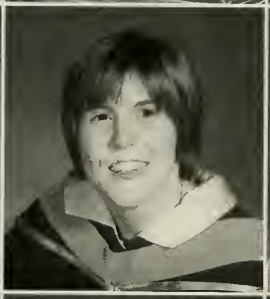

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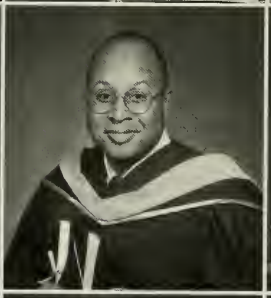

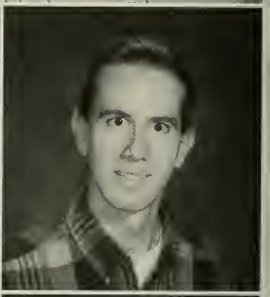

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Christmas time has arrived...The MTSU Dance Team (above) and Marching Band (left) parade down Tennessee Boulevard to give students and Murfreesboro residents a warm holiday greeting.

Officials of the Golden Key National Honor Society present honors to an outstanding MTSU student.

In the *Middle* of it all Organizations

Ryan Durham (sitting) of the Student Government Association debates with a fellow council member on the content and passage of a bill that has been brought to their attention.

Women's Rugby Club

Self-Defense Girls

Left to Right:
Dawn Harrrington
Caureo Bobo
Tasha Wordlaw

Delta Sigma Theta

Row One
Charron Walton

Row Two
Michelle Robertson
Veronica Kizer

Row Three
Shkeda Johnson
Saran Dunmore
Kesha Anderson

Row Four
Celia Graham
Dwan Bell
Tiffany Smith
Christine Malone

Zeta Phi Beta Soroity, Inc.

Left to Right:
Shannon Taylor
Dorothy Sutton
Talva Lockhart
Megan Stallworth
Tamarah Daniel

Collegiate 100

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Chavela Stewart
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Nicole Moore
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Jocelyn Hawkins
Stephanie Hancock
PR Director

Row Two
Alita Smith
SGA Rep.
Kellie Logon
Megan Stallworth
Becky Bonds

Omega Psi Phi

Row One
Marvel Bandy
Karlton Davidson
Lance Ford

Row Two
Jerald Harding,
Shingo Weems
Kenyon Warner
JoJo Herbert

Kappa Delta

Row One
Lori Bland
Melissa Simmons
Cindy Stokes
Allyson Veach
Amanda Deaton
Delie Bancroft
Jaimee Racelis

Row Two
Kristi Robertson
Kim Keenum
Kelly Guy
Melonie Kieffer
Laurel Petty
Melissa Brink
Kathryn Keels
Denise Moss
Vanessa Sharp

Sigma Gamma Rho

Left to Right:
Tracey Robinson
Patrice Baniks
Keshia McDonald

Where do students turn for the best coverage of news, events and issues related to campus life?

They turn to "Sidelines," the student-produced and editorially-independent newspaper of MTSU.

"Sidelines" is distributed free to students every Monday and Thursday during the fall and spring and on Wednesdays during summer semesters. THe newspaper–from writing to design to advertising.

The staff is headed by an editor in chief, a position filled every semester by the Student Publications Committee. The editor--Ryan Werner in the summer and fall and Chad Gillis in the Spring–is responsible for filling the section editor positions for news, sports and features. They also hire writers and other staff members for each section, including the opinion section, which they control.

Each section offers something different to students.

The news section tells students what they need to know about MTSU life. It keeps them informed about issues like housing, parking, the Student Government Organization and the many clubs and organizations on campus.

Sports obviously lets students follow the Blue Raider athletic teams–from football and basketball to soccer and baseball.

Opinions gives students the chance to hear viewpoints from "Sidelines" staff members and their fellow students through colomns and letters to the editor. New to the section this year is the weekly Professor's Perspective column, which gives professors the chance to inform students about their opinions and their field of study.

The features sction is the most flexible of the four. In addition to providing human interest stories and information about campus entertainment events, the section is also the place to find club listings and information about what students do outside of class and off campus.

A recent to "Sidelines" is the monthly supplemental magazine, "Post Modern." The magazine expands the horizons of "Sidelines" by covering news and events from around the country, in addtion to local issues. Recent stories include an investigative look at sex in the Bible Belt and a profile of J.C. Watts, Congressman who might be on his way to the White House.

"Sidelines" is always looking for interested students who might want to add their perspective to the paper. ALthough a majority of the staff is preparing for a journalism career, staff members are not required to be a mass communications major.

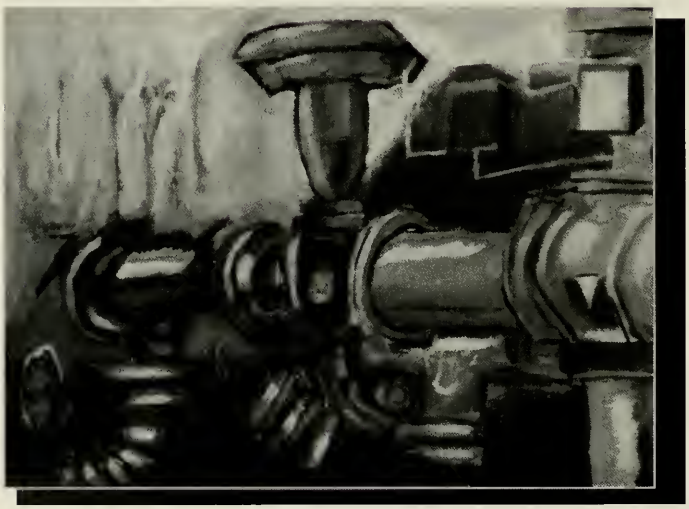
Sidelines

First Row: Chad Gillis, Keith Cartwright, Gregg Mayer, Adam Smith, Sara Salyer, Steve Purinton, Bryan Brooks, Jamie Evans
Second Row: Lesli Bales, Susan McMahon, Vicki Gibson
Third Row: Jennie Treadway, Patti Fosbinder

staff

(left to right) Gregg Mayer, Rachel Tenpenny, and Jamie Evans celebrate their hard work after one of Sidelines most investigative issues.

clay sculpture
Untitled by Marta **Slaughter**



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Gauage II by **Jennifer Hardiman**

pottery
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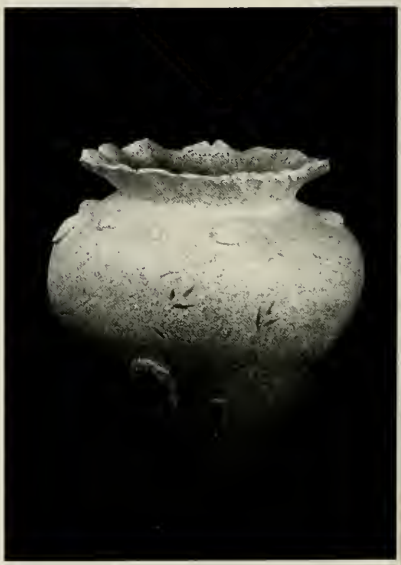

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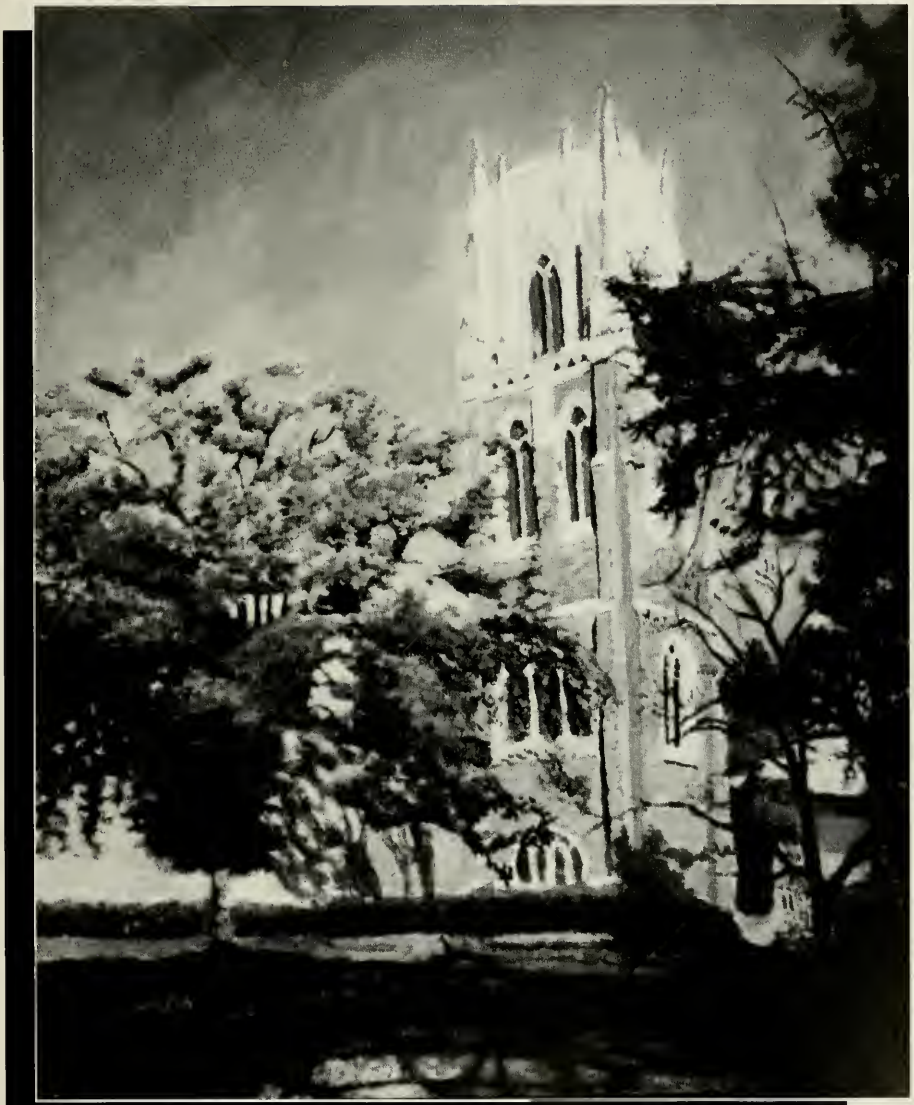


Oil on canvas

The Catherdal at Sewanee by Todd Amacher

Photography
Everything Beautiful and Sublime **by Jessica Lovett**

Annex Poem --*Mary Ann Owenby*

Being French encompasses
more than a beret and wine attitude--
it's avocation
with no breeze of holiday,
but me. . .
I drop
amend
mutate
birth my nationality
as fits into the groove of accented conversation,
the sieve of national prejudice,
or the inebriated dialect of pick-up lines:
fashionably Italian in London, porcelian - skinned Welsh in France,
mysterious Russian nobility in Italty--never wanting to
disappoint. Only in
the western outposts of Turkey
in the turquoise waves splashing against the
elite of vacationing soleil-skinned Europeans and bored Bodrumians
did my golden hair and bountiful bikini top
signal
my identity
as a United States citizen--
although I didn't have the heart to tell
them I
was
from Alambama
and had never seen "Baywatch."

Holy Spirit: 2050 (Every Mary) -- *Joey Roistano*

left foot, painted yellow
taking purple pellets
to mouth in communion

the substance inside
works free from the flimsy capsule
and expands in the stomach
    my priest calls it witchcraft
as he gasps, pushing away his
        crystal ball -

those future people
their stomach filling,
evolving into " who knows what."

One yellow fotted woman says
she is pregnant with the Holy Spirit

Oil on canvas
The Gathering by Todd Amacher

Yeah, you

--Henry Morris

With stars in my eyelids,

With socks on my shins,

I'm stunned, vexed, and oversexed

around. . .

A spike in the curve, you've carved

an access road reliable

through the bramble.

Yep,

(if repetition is necessary)

the greatest invention since central heat

is you

is you

is you.

Photography
Time by Nikki Agee

Gollum, ringless, in the strangers' kitchen -- *Otis Brinkley*

"She smokes skins so sharp it's selfless
and forgets what's left
for the floor. What is it?" Lonely
does this, brings out the goggles. Then:
"She skins her teeth and thistles up a songs. What is it?"
Already needs a cigarette.

"It would be convenient if" (now her) "we had a myth of a woman who gives
birth to frogs. It would ex-
plain so much." Like this, without explaining.
It honestly talks like this. What
we don't want to say is so concise.

There's not middle ground. Precious
slides off the sink of extinguishing Gollum. "One of us
is sobering. One of us is splitting go. One
is not a stagger but a stumble.
What is it?"

Leaking, gnaws his cigarette. His
little charcoal heart was set.
What is it?

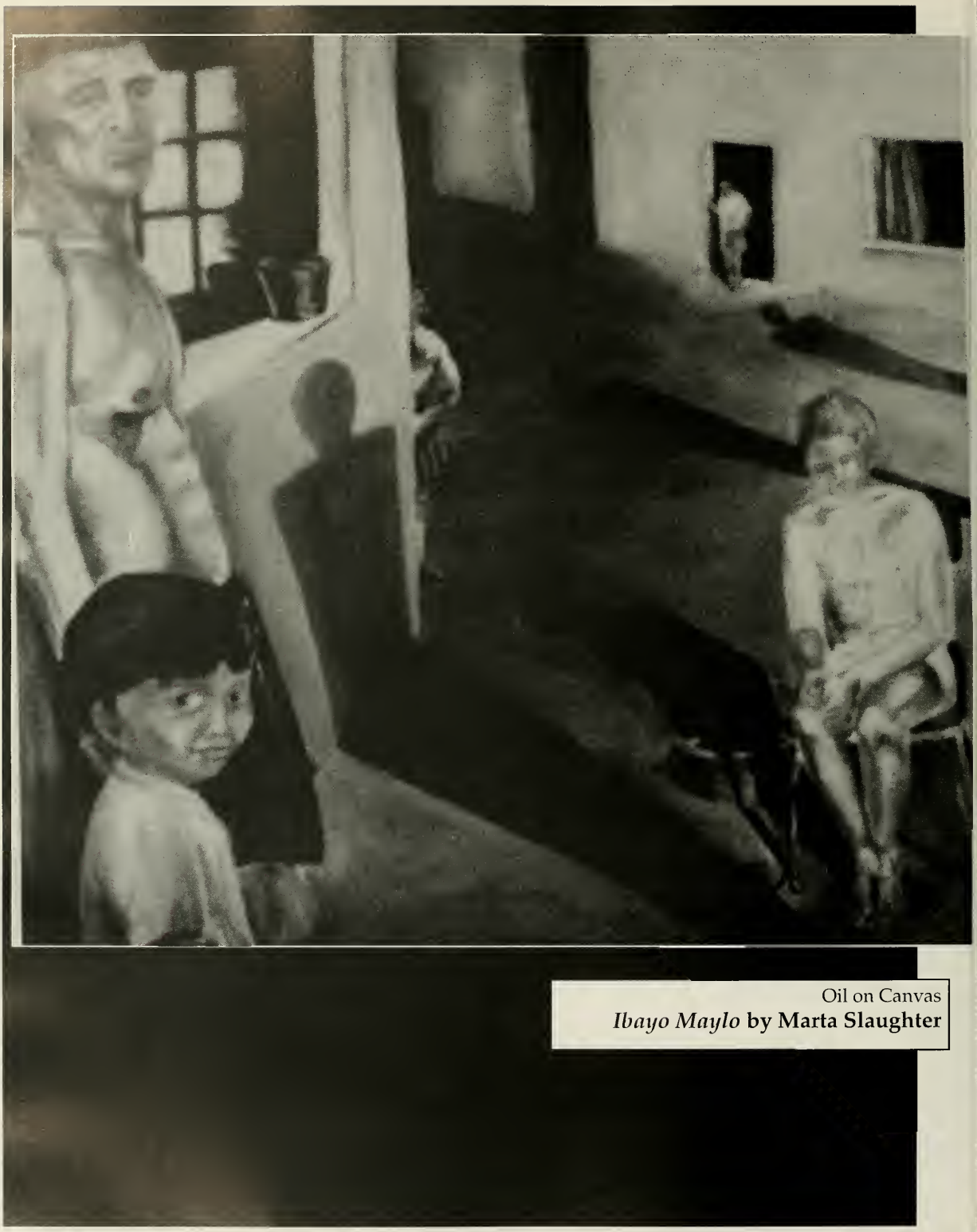
Photography
The Middle Tennessee Marker by Benjamin Trotter

Photography
Tornado
by Ami McFerrin

Honeymoons

Mary Cummins

There was that time
in your mother's house.
She had blue curtains
and flowerpots on the balcony,
watching the lake and our
occasional exploding
semi-melodramas
of those years,
way before she died
and we became calmer lovers.
It was some morning when
we argued over something,
maybe distances or faults
or the frying of eggs, and
she wondered why we visited
west Nevada every June
to pet her cats and shout
profanities in her kitchen.
You slammed some door
and I threw tupperware
at your stubbornness
and her hand-painted wall,
cringed as she surveyed
our splattered breakfast,
its plastic bowl
bouncing bowl on the floor.
She shook her graying head,
clicked her tongue and said,
honey, it's not love
'til you break something.



Oil on Canvas
Ibayo Maylo **by Marta Slaughter**

Cottoned *--Ridgin*

There should be less of me.
That is, if we could be less
than
the shieking of crickets as
boardwarping nervousness blocks
our throats with cotton,

We've slipped out of phase.

Let me edit the past in the dark. Let
my thumbs sculpt a map of your face.
I've flinched at your shrillness.
I've emptied your pockets. I've
wrapped up what scraps I could gather and put them
away.
I would have done anything but save you.

It's possible,
given the time, we'd have served ourselves from ourselves
and
pulled out of this. Instead, strewn on the ground,
we are winding down with a grinding sound.
Somewhat aware that there comes a time to choose:
Which one of us are we?

I have less to say.
Please get farther away.

He's Still Living in Virginia *--Bob Beckley*

They were eighteen in nineteen forty-two
So much in love, but what could they do
But say goodbye
He promised her under a lover's moon
He'd be back for her when the war was through
And she cried

An though he never came back
and tthe years have come and gone
Deep in her memory
He never leftt at all

He's Still living in Virginia, you can see it in her eyes
When that sun is sinking low across the Blue Ridge skies
She waltzes with his memory to another place and time
He's still living in Virginia . . . in her mind

There's a scrapbook in a trunk beside her bed
Filled with photographs and letters he'd sent
Stained with tears
And some old records she plays when no one's around
They're scratched and worn, but still a beautiful sound
To her ears

And when the music plays low
And the light begins to fade
She can almost hear him
Whisper her name

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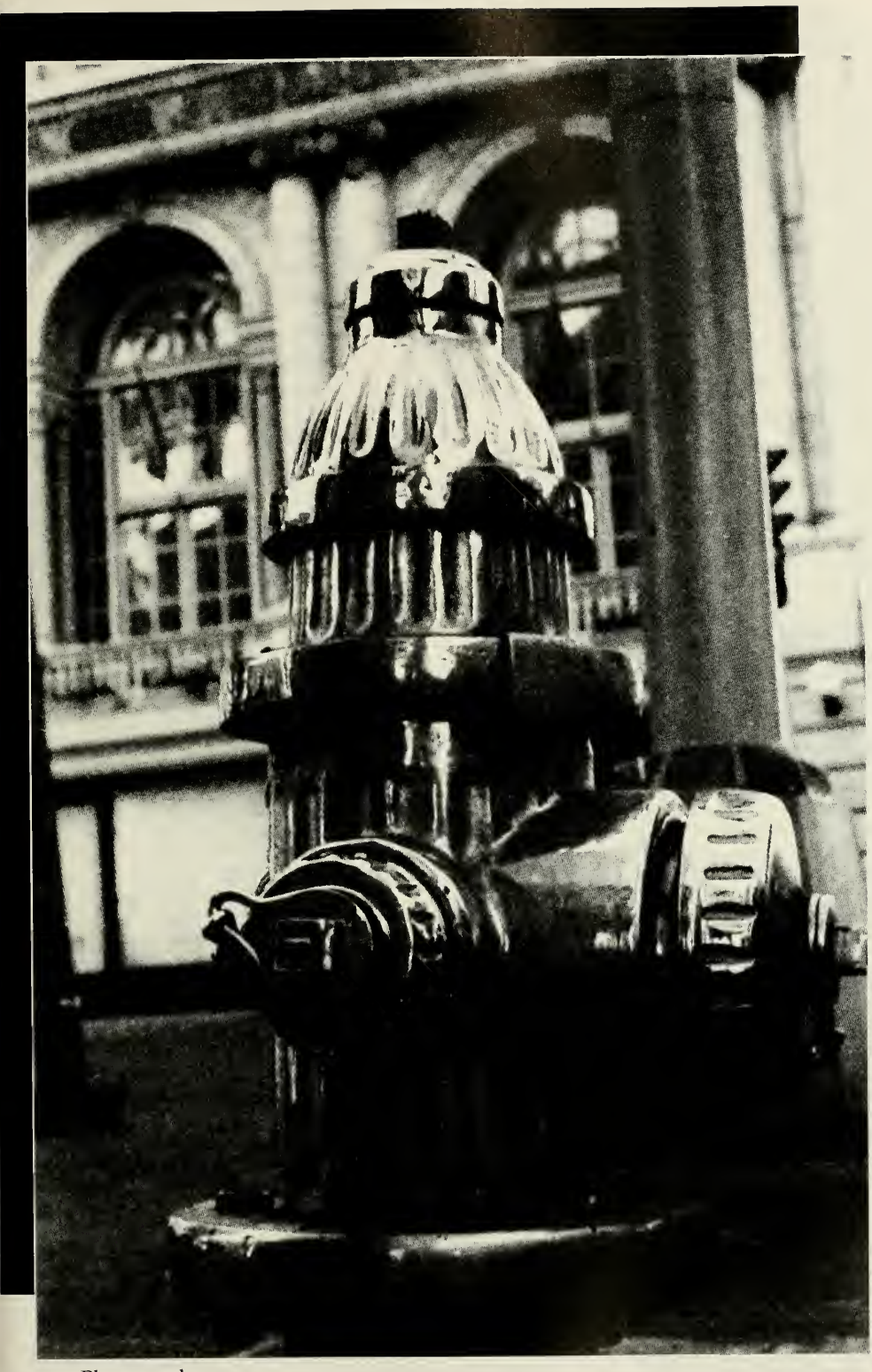


Photography
***Street Corner* by Jessica Lovett**

This mascara is waterproof, just in case I cry --- *KatyKupfer*

It's a story untold,
about boyfriends
and fathers
when drunk is
the word, long
past.
    And the world
awaits for fighters
and lovers.
    To take away keys
so they can't drive
home.
    And they pass out cryin,
like we're
all still just children.

Because we are what we are, it has become us.

    So we cry
over brothers, boyfriends and
fathers
  Like we are
    what we are
forever children.

Drawing
Warrior by Christy Clark

Drawing
Prayers of a Dead Man by **Matthew Walden**

I don't know you.

--Mary Cummins

You pour coffee

and I sell shoes.

You have Clark Kent eyes,

fuzzed goatee, tattoo

round your belly button.

I wear big heels and my

mother's college dresses,

line my lids in black.

Weekdays I size up customers,

wonder where I'm going

for lunch, send you good

mornings in corner glancing.

I hate life this way.

You give me chamomile tea,

dollars and soft fingers for change.

If one day I say *hello*,

I am twenty-two and stuck,

perhaps you would run gentle hands over the ruins

I've made of these years.

I place my tired hair behind my ears

and go for doughnuts.

I offer you pennies,

my pressed skirt whispers please.

Objective *--Amanda Baldwin*

Grandmother dreams in shades

of daffodil, candytuft, and bluebell-

a man to check, close, lock
my windows and doors at night

tuck my daughter in, having forgotten

that shew's not his.

My dreams spalsh into midnights

overgrown with purple sage, variegated moss-

a tongue to teach mine the twisting

caress of new words, cinnamon-skinned

fingers count sand and shells into

litttle hands learning trhe textures of continents.

I sing my daughter to sleep

Eyes half-closed, she tells me

" don't have a daddy."

crabgrass -- *B.W. Carter*

"Violence is one's faith in man let loose." -Anon.

He saw the spade as his liberator

On the shale stcked banks of her goldfish pond
he bent double with the ecstasy of godhood,
ravaged the tufted hordes of heathens

he could always catch
clawing their way back to light
along the latticework; but
when twilight found him weeping-
a felled savior lashed to the soil
-again overwhelmed by bitter desiny

(humbled by the grim resolve of pagans & weeds),
he could only tell her of war,
its dispassion, & the terrible misplaced need
to see them undone.

Sometime later he would think of fertilizer;
with asigh, think of futility.
His apostles would gather at his ears,
climb hair to finger the cool flesh of Heaven,
& in the somber audience of moonlight
would chirrup his unsung legacy to the world.

From Memory *--James Garner*

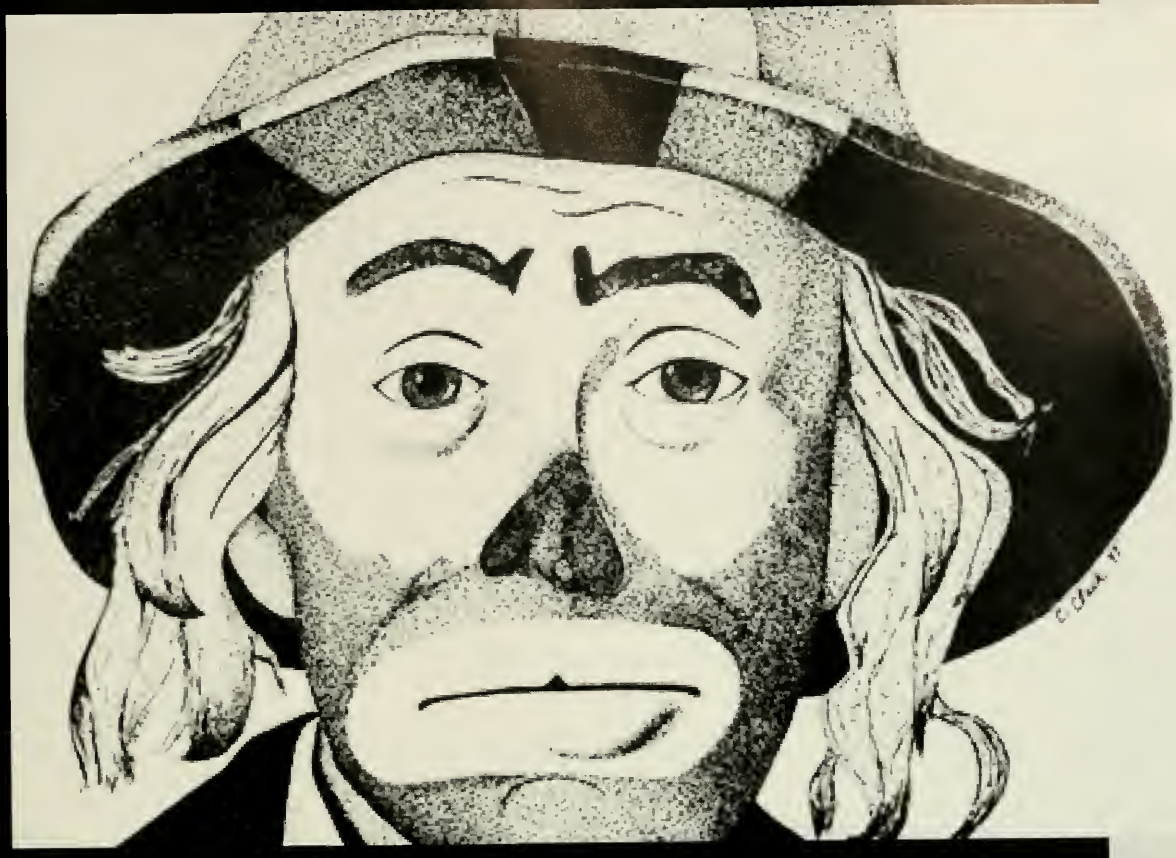
Her voice is worn rough, not smooth; used hard by time. It reaches through my memory, crackling in its small-town, country way. Her once-beefy arms hang with wattled skin, but her hands, toughenedand gnarled, do not fear labor. My mind's eyes peer across the distance and the days, watching those knob-knuckled fingers work the soil of her small garden. She forces upright, no longer the task of a vibrant young girl; straining as though to push away the planet. Her large figure is bent without frailty. Shuffling steps lead us up the cracked and weath ered sidewalk toward the weary kitchen door. I follow, carrying the basket of fresh vegetables she has pulled from the earth.

Now I sit in the cool and shadowed air. She hunches over the sink, wasing the dirt from our food in the way she has always done. I feel awed by her sure movements, given certainly through experience though lacking the strength and steadiness they once had. Soon we will eat, and while we do she will talk to me in her rough-worn voice of things now gone.

Advice from South Africa --*Carey McGee*

Alasdair tells me
it costs twenty American dollars
to have a man killed in Nigeria
I suppose I should be
moreshocked than I am
but, hell
if you're going to put a price
on human life
this one seems good as any
why should these dime-store assassins
only cater to the rich?
why should murder be kept in
crystal closets?
even so,
it still seems
cheap

I don't have a good job
but its enough to kill ten people
in a week
I've got to have something
to spend my money on
though I don't really have
any enemies
or any place to put
the bodies



Drawing
***Clown* by Christy Clark**

Photography
Six Kids on Porch
by William Isom

the son.
the father.
the old college try

--B.W. Carter

alone on the couch after that certain terrible winter

weeping for the loss of a guileless vanity--

the duplicitous nature of modern ideals

--held so aloft by those immortal masses of youth

when he takes my hand, says gently, " suck it up:"

a bygone command from little league days--

some salient unsung confirmation

--to remind me i am still a man, for all this seeming

ruinatrion still tall, and

i should relish the pride twelve

gauges worth of gunpowder could never burn away;

i should carry these scars like banners--

like seamed but indomitable muses

--for the immortal masses of truly wise men

who see buckshot burns and scalpel leavings insteas

as a testament to charater unscathed.

Safu mary, maundering in the land of nod --*B.W. Carter*

me and mary go down early to eastside cemetery, watching lichen cling and
playing handball off headstones while daisies march
like lemmings to the tufted asphalt banks of k street. the sun dances on broken
shards of grass and

mary says "away. that's where i want to go."

she shuts her eyes (like translucent coffin lids buckled with lashes) and she
takes off walking, anywhere, everywhere: stumbling blind
out of paradise while the first fat crows sit counting bones atop gently swwaying
power lines and

she keeps on saying "away. that's where i need to go."

me and mary in the cemetery: me reciting epitaphs while she's reading his
and thinking how nobody wears desire anymore , how lust isn't the same and daddy's sly hard
hands are in the closet for good now, how
oplelia was no fool and

saying as she rises "away. that's where i'm going to go."

Incendiary

--Sarah Frank

They wrote of smoke,
ash,
the burn and scar of love
you read one or two
maybe only an introduction
and so you think you're an expert
at pain and suffering
just complaining of the things you've been losing
holding your heart -
squashed,
clenched
in your fist
making a mess all over the floor
my floor
you stain
nothing remains clean
or sacred for that matter
i'd like to think . . .
love is so melodramatic
and your artistic reality sparled
out on a gleaming canvas
is equivalent
to words
though I haven't heard
and nothing speaks quite as softly
as nothing
and speech walks on tiptoe
but never leaves your mouth
action and desperation
you touch a neck
and believe it's that easy
and that if you believe
i'll believe
but honestly
if we spoke
i'd just complain of the things
we've been losing
the things that burn and scar
also of the incombustible, your heart
i keepremembering time
an appointment i should cancel
but i can't find my pen to paper
would be my pen to paper
would be my death
should someone strike a match
good-bye would be all over this place

Photography
***Christy* by Benjamin Trotter**

Right: The Todd Library, like any other library, wants some quiet.

Left: These students emjoy their break between classes by sitting under a tree on the grassy knoll in front of the KUC.

Right: New students, while attending CUSTOMS, stroll the campus grounds along with their parents.

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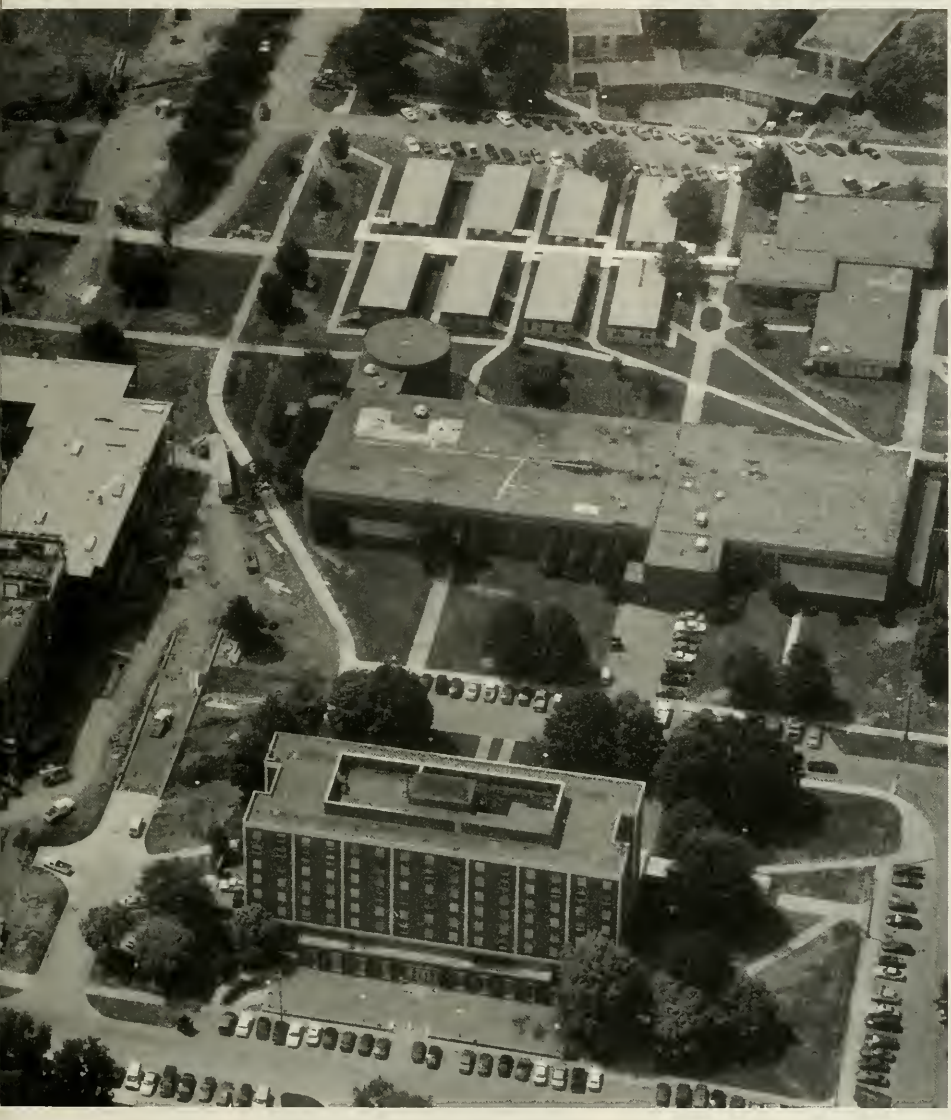

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